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Quinnell set for Wales___

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Party prepares to block Livingstone

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Blair seeks mayor from big business

By Philip Webster, Roland Watson and Jill Sherman

TONY BLAIR is looking for a substantial business figure with proven executive abilities to come forward as the first elected mayor of London.

As the London Labour Party took the first step to prevent Ken Livingstone being chosen as its official candidate for the election in 2000, it emerged that the Prime Minister was searching well beyond the ranks of politicians. He has told colleagues that he wants someone who has proved that he or she can run things. Mr Blair has studied the

role and performance of American mayors and had talks with Mayor Rudi Giuliani of New York six weeks ago. Many American mayors made their names running big organisations before entering city politics, such as Mayor Ri-

chard Reardon of Los Angeles. The disclosure that Mr Blair is castin the net wider will come as a blow to people who have been floated as contenders, such as Glenda Jackson, the Transport Minister, and Pauline Green, leader of the Socialist Group in the European Parliament.

Mr Blair is not believed to have a preferred candidate, but people of the stature of Bob Ayling, chief executive of British Airways, and Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays, would fit his job descrip-



So it's not mayor Livingstone, I

tion. But there will be plenty of time for fresh names to emerge for the post. It was disclosed last night that Labour could delay the procedures for selecting its candidate until

News of Mr Blair's preference for a big managerial name will overshadow the start last night of the move to kill Mr Livingstone's chances. The London party's managing board proposed that the ruling national executive should set un a selection nanel to weed

out unsuitable candidates. Similar processes have been used to discard the unwanted in the Scottish, Welsh and Euronean elections, and panels

By NICHOLAS WOOD

BRITAIN'S 170,000 soldiers

have been warned that they

will face a court martial if

they leak secret information

about planned cuts in the Ter-

The edict has been issued in

an letter from General Sir

Michael Walker, the Com-

mander-in-Chief of Land

Command, who said that

even "idle chatter on social oc-

casions" about the cuts would

imperil military careers.
But his letter, leaked to The

Times, was immediately de-

nounced as an "extraordinary

attempt" to stifle the argu-

ment about the future shape

of the nation's military re-

serve. Former officers also pro-

tested about its political tone.

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the hand of Labour's spin-doc-

tors - the letter complains

ritorial Army.

also operate across Labour's lo-

cal government structure. There is a widespread view that Mr Livingstone will be re-garded as beyond the pale be-cause of his criticism of the

But Mr Livingstone insisted that he was no "freak from the fringe", nor a threat to the leadership, and he suggested that he was backed by the vast majority of London Labour mem-

He was proud to stand on his record. "Virtually every-thing I did as leader of the GLC has now become official party policy - pro-public transport, democratic control of the police, we have homosexuals in the Cabinet, we have over 100 women MPs, even negotiating with Sinn Fein." Margaret Beckett, Leader of the Commons, denied the party hierarchy was trying to control the selection process. "Giv en that there are so many elections and so many candidates, it is very dear that what the Labour Government is doing is

devolving power." There were other Labour Party members besides Mr Livingstone who would like to stand for Mayor of London. Members did not have to be famake good mous to candidates.

Soldiers face court martial

for talking about TA cuts



Peter Riddell, page 12 In the pink: Peter Young arriving at court and, above right, as he was known at work

and in an echo of the wartime

injunction against careless

talk, he complains that many

disclosures about possible tar-

gets of the cuts arise from

October 26 - the day that de-

tails of his blueprint for a

slimmed-down TA were pre-sented to General Sir Robin

Wheeler, the Chief of the Gen-

leaked to the press. The gener-

al's letter is now itself the sub-

ject of a leak investigation by the Special Investigation Branch of the Royal Military

According to leaks, which

persist in spite of the General's

letter, 180 TA bases are to be

sold to raise £42 million. All

the English TA county regi-

ments will be merged into a

few regional units. Royal and

county names scrapped.

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The General's letter is dated

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young to hang.

Banker has his day in court as a woman

BY PAUL DURMAN

A LEADING City investment manager dressed for the occasion when he appeared in a London court on fraud charges yesterday. Peter Young ar rived wearing lipstick and makeup, a calf-length skirt and low heels — and asked to be known as Elizabeth.

Mr Young, 40, was formerly a sober-suited fund manager at Morgan Grenfell Asset Management. He and three other men are charged with a conspiracy to defraud the trustees or investors of three Deutsche Morgan Grenfell invest-ment funds, which at one point held El 3 delion on behalf of 180,000 investors. At a preliminary hearing at the City of London Magistrates' Court, the four were released

on bail until March 15. The problems at Morgan Frentell two years ago caused Deutsche Bank, the firm's German parent, to inject £180 million into the funds. Subsequent compensation payments to investors have cost the bank a further £200 million.

Mr Young is charged with Erik Langaker and Jan Helge Johnsen. The fourth defend-ant, Steward Armer, another former Morgan Grenfell fund manager, was not in court yesterday because he is currently studying in Chile.

Whitehall slow to take own advice over bug

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By Valerie Elliott Whitehall Editor

NINE Whitehall departments and agencies will be named today as the worst prepared inside the Government to cope

with the millennium bug. Topping the "high-risk" list of those whose computer sysdate change from 1999 to 2000, are the Department of Trade and Industry, the Home Office, the Foreign Office, the Ministry of Defence, the Northern Ireland Office, the Environment Agency the Environment Agency, the Medicines Control Agency, the NHS Estates and the Office of National Statistics.

According to analysis of the departments' own plans, computer experts believe the nine are struggling to meet their own targets, are slipping behind deadlines and have not even started programmes of spot checks on their systems.

Delays are likely to cost a to-tal of up to £10 billion, as opposed to the £3 billion forecast by Tony Blair last March.

But Taskforce 2000, an independent company which has analysed information pub-lished by Whitehall, fears the picture could be even worse in the wider public sector, with emergency services under threat, and possible disruption of nuclear power stations, the Post Office, broadcasting and the utility companies.

In a separate report yester-day the Audit Commission also warned that a number of local authorities and NHS Trusts were lagging behind in their preparations to deal with the bug. Andrew Foster, the director, said he would publish a league table of the offending bodies in the spring if action was not taken.

£10m aid for Honduras

Britain and France committed £10 million each to a new trust fund to help Honduras and Nicaragua to service their debts as they beging rebuilding after the devastation of Hurricane Milch.

American aid is now arriving in the stricken regioo and relief officials said that help was finally reaching even the most inaccessible

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THE reputation of Geoffrey Boycott was in ruins yesterday as a French court found him guilty, for the second time, of

Walker: 'I shall not

hesitate to use full powers'

that breaches of confidence

have embarrassed ministers

and that press revelations

were eroding trust between military thiefs and "our politi-

cal masters". One TA insider

said: "I have never seen that

sort of overtly political word-

His immediate decision to appeal will bring his legal costs to almost £500,000 and he faces the loss of lucrative commentating work. The former England and Yorkshire opening batsman, who denied striking Margaret Moore, said he was disappointed but not surprised. During

the case in Grasse, Provence, see Fatal Attraction 1 never he clashed with court officials and described the process as a French farce. The judge. Dominique Haumant-Daumas,

said his outbursts had "tarnished the image of the perfect gentleman" which he sought to portray. Boycott. 58, was given a three-month suspended sen-

tence, fined £5,300 and ordered to pay symbolic damages of Fri (l0p) to Mrs Moore. Speaking from Pakistan.

thought it could happen to

By contrast, Mrs Moore was delighted. "The last two vears have been completely devastating and upsetting. He beat me and attacked me and the French justice system has recognised that," she said.

The court had previously convicted Boycott in his absence and he flew in 13 witnesses for the appeal. He argued that Mrs Moore hit her face when she fell.

Boycott's temper, page 3



Boycott: outbursts did not endear him to judge



Boycott stumped by French conviction By Adrian Lee

ing in a military document."
General Walker, who is in

charge of cutting the TA's strength from 59,000 to 40,000

soldiers, says in his letter to commanders: "I want to make

it quite plain that I regard any

such leaks as very serious disci-

plinary offences. You are to en-

sure that those under your

command, both regular and

TA, understand the gravity

with which I regard such be-

Queen's Regulations forbid the disclosure of "official busi-ness" and in a direct threat

that offending officers and men face being dismissed

from the service, the General

adds: "I shall not hesitate to

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. He also orders his troops to

avoid "deliberate contacts

with the press or politicians"

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Moore: delighted at court's decision to uphold ruling

beating up his former girlfriend.

where he is commentating. Boycott said: "When I went to

Redwood must boldly go where no alien has gone before

here is something admirable about John Redwood, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary. Week in, week out, there he is at the Dispatch Box, hammering away. Sometimes poised, sometimes disjointed, some-times on-target and some-times off-beam, he sprays statistics, arguments and warnings of industrial Armageddoo - kicking, undismayed, at the wall of confidence erected by a formidable administration and its publicity machine. New Labour appear to have

an army of advisers and publi-cists: Mr Redwood seems almost alone. Touring the broadcasting studios and Press Gallery offices with his tall and indefatigable lady assistant, Nicki, in tow ("now. when are you going to write something nice about John?), the tireless Tory Vulcan and his loyal lieutenant remind us of an Alien space captain and his Earthling sidekick, on a mission to explain his extraterrestrial logic-system in this quirky corner of the galaxy.

Yesterday, in an Opposition

try, Redwood kept going on about "clusters". Asteroid clusters? Meteorite clusters? Captain Redwood had encoun-tered clusters, he said, in the Thames Valkey and the City of London. He was in favour of clusters but feared that under this Government they may be breaking up. He fears that un-der this Government everything may be breaking up. Accused of taking a gloomy view he protested "I'm oot arguing today that all of British industry is going to close" - but left



us suspecting that he could well be arguing this tomorrow. self-confident, playful and controversial, Peter Mandelson, the winsome Trade and Industry Secretary. was having none of this. Indeed his backbench colleague, Helen Southworth (Warrington.S) told Redwood that

the cause of falling invest-ment and factory closures. She thinks the Tories have spread such alarm and despondency that confidence has llapsed. Mr Redwood looked chuffed at the thought that he and the Earthling lady might have done this single handed-ly. Others looked doobtful.

the Southworth hypothesis has limited explanatory power? But then what does count as an explanation in new Labour's logic-system, a metaphysics as least as weird as anything Mr Redwood brings? This logic, too, is alien to human intelligence and may be traced to the Planet Vanilla, from which Tony Blair is be-ing controlled. In Labour's version of the Universe, all time exists already: the past, the present and the future. Let me explain. At Health

Questions earlier, Frank Dob-

will welcome the £25m extra for social services, which the Chancellor announced next week." The italics are mine. So, according to Mr Dobson. the announcement not only will be, it already is - and was. This may be the key to understanding why ministers keep announcing "initiatives" again and again, "revealing" the already-revealed, as though it were new. The metaphysics at which the answer hints make every announce-ment, whether already made

lf so, one can reveal the past just as one can recall the future. "I'm prohibited from anoouncing my decisions." Dob-son told the Tories' Shaun Woodward (Whitney). who was asking about the future of Oxfordshire hospitals, 'until I've reached those decisions." The decision's already there, you see - ahead. It's just that Mr Dobson hasn't reached it yet. Truly, as our Leader. Tony, has said, "there's no going back from the road to the future."

or in the future, exist already.

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100 attacks on staff at offenders' centre

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

YOUNG children at Britain's first institution for child offenders have assaulted staff on almost a hundred occasions since it opened seven months

Twenty six members of staff at the Medway Training Centre, run by Group 4, were re-ferred for medical treatment after the assaults.

In eleven cases criminal charges have been brought against the children at the centre at Rochester in Kent which holds offenders aged 12-14 at a cost of £2,400 a week each.

Rebound, the Group 4 subsidiary managing the centre, has also been "fined" £5,869 for failing to comply with the contract in the first three months of its operation, MPs were told last night.

The centre has also been hit by 14 incidents of concerted indiscipline involving more than two trainees, according to Commons written answers published yesterday. In three cases the incident has led to criminal charges against chil-

Two trainees broke through the perimeter sence of the centre but were pursued by staff and quickly returned to the premises. The answer does not reveal how far they had managed to escape before being re-

cantured. Thirty-five staff have left the centre, including two senior managers. One of them was

The secure training centre has 100 staff for 40 offenders

writing to Jack Straw calling for an inquiry. "I am not con-vinced there is a future for this

experiment. Labour opposed

these centres in opposition as

'colleges of crime'. It is time they looked to see if their pre-

A statement from Rebound

said that the centre was deal-

ing with the most difficult and

disruptive young people in the country. "Given the back-

ground of the youngsters, it is

not surprising that there have

been some incidents of misbe-

some assaults on staff but the

incidence of these has been

saults ranged from pushing

and shoving to a broken nose.

The statement said the as-

Regrettably there have been

haviour at the centre.

much reduced recently."

diction is accurate."

education, who had been with Rebound for less than seven

The latest details about what has occurred at the centre follows a disturbance in June which caused £5,300 of damage and the disclosure that only 30 per cent of the 100 staff had previous experience working with children.

Last night Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrat home affairs spokesman, demanded immediate investigation into the running for the child

He said: "The secure training centre is in danger of becoming a highly expensive fail-ure. A catalogue of disturbing facts indicates that it is not working. There seems to be an atmosphere of violence which is incompatible with constructive work with young offendcreasing its management team at the centre. The centre's 100 staff look af-

ter a maximum of 40 children. It is the first of a planned network designed to hold young offenders aged 12-14 who have been given a secure training order.
The courts have imposed 85 orders since April for offences

amending staff training to deal with the specific task of

managing violent behaviour

Rebound admitted that the

staff-turnover had been high

and said it was currently in-

by youngsters.

including affray, arson, dan-gerous driving, driving without a licence, possession of knives and violent disorder. Children given the order. lasting a minimum of six

months and a maximum of two years, serve half their time in the centre and the other half in the community under supervision of social workers. The order can be imposed

when a person has committed three previous imprisonable offences and broken a supervision order. Many of the children sent to the centre have long histories of criminal and antisocial behaviour, poor school records and truancy. Medway is currently full and has a waiting list.

The Government has awarded two further contracts for se-None of the staff referred for cure training centres, one at medical treatment needed to. Onley in Northamptonshire

Lords call to make cannabis legal for pain relief

BY JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ned to prescribe cannabis for medical use, a House of Lords committee is to propose today. The peers will urge the Gov-ernment to act swiftly to lift the ban, so that thousands of people can take the drug to alleviate pain.

Although the proposals from the Lords Science and Technology Committee will undoubtedly be supported by many sufferers, they are un-likely to secure the backing of Jack Straw, the Home Secretary. The Government is acutely sensitive to the whole issue and any relaxation of the law

is unlikely in the short term.
Under the Misuse of Drugs
Regulations 1985, cannabis is a Schedule One drug and alluse is banned, except for licensed research. The Lords Science and Technology Committee recommends that it be reclassified as a "Schedule Two" drug.

The committee admits that there is no conclusive proof that cannabis has medical value but says there is enough anecdotal evidence that it can be used to treat multiple scierosis and particular types of pain. It says that trials should begin at once on campabis as a treatment for MS and chronic pain and calls for research into ways of administering it other than smoking.

George Howarth, a Home Office minister, rejected the recommendation and insisted that further clinical trials were needed. "The Government would not be prepared to coontenance any move to allow pre-scription before clinical trials and safety tests have been com-

pleted," he said. The committee argues that the regulations should be relaxed immediately on compas-sionate grounds. The tests could last for some time and it could be years before any cannabis was available for use. Without it, 85,000 MS suffers would continue to face the unpleasant symptoms of their disease without relief.

The committee mately want to prescribe can-



Cannabis plants being grown for licensed research

to further legalisation. The peers say that their changes would prevent sufferers risking prosecution and would help the police concentrate on people using the drug for illegal recreational uses.

Lord Perry of Walton, the committee chairman and former professor of pharmacology, said: "We have seen enough evidence to convince us that a doctor might legiticriminal law ought not to stand in the way.

"Far from being a step to-wards general legalisation. our recommendation would make the ban on recreational use easier to enforce. Above all, it would show compassion to patients who currently risk prosecution to get help."

The British Medical Association backed the committee's call for clinical trials but opposed rescheduling the drug.

NEWS IN BRIEF Stone witness arrested

A key witness in the Michael Stone murder trial has been arrested after claiming in a newspaper article that he had lied. Kent police confirmed yesterday that Barry Thompson, ar-rested in Basildon, Essex, had been released on police bail.

Thompson's evidence at the trial at Maidstone Crown Court. concerning a conversa-tion with Stone in jail. helped to convict Stone of the murder of Lin Russell, 45, and her daughter, Megan, 6, and the attempted murder of Josie Russell, then 9, at Chillenden,

Kent, in 1996. After Thompson's arrest. Kent police said that officers from Hampshire would investigate his claim.

Meale cleared

Alan Meale, the Junior Environment Minister, was yesterday cleared of breaching MPs' code of conduct. But Gordon Downey, the Commissioner for Standards, was unable to clear Mr Meale as a parliamentary private secretary, say-ing this could be done only by the Prime Minister. Mr Meale was criticised for lobbying for a £14 million sports complex. Downing Street said no further action would be taken,

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Farmers seek aid

Farmers' leaders are to meet the Prime Minister today to seek emergency aid to counter the worst slump in agriculture for more than 30 years. Prices have plummeted in almost every agricultural sector. The National Farmers' Union will urge Tony Blair to take advantage of EU aid, worth up to £48 million to beef producers and £89 million to cereal producers, which is available to offset the strength of sterling. .

Judges named

Six former senior judges are to become the first commissioners to monitor sensitive police investigations and authorise bugging. Sir Andrew Leggatt, the chief commissioner, will be aided in England and Wales by Sir Christopher Staughton, a retired Appeal Court judge, Sir Michael Hutchinson, an Appeal Court judge, and Sir Charles McCullough, a former senior judge of the Queen's Bench Division.

Mobile verdict

A biologist has lost his court battle to force the Government to put health warnings on mobile phones. Roger Coghill brought a test case private prosecution against the tele-phone shop where he bought two £130 phones. Magistrates at Abergavenny, Gwent, ruled that Mr Coghill had not proved that the phones failed. to comply with safety requirements under the Consumer Protection Act.

Opera petition

The actor Simon Callow and other celebrities will join Covent Garden choristers and musicians presenting a petition to 10 Downing Street calling for the Government to support the performers of the Royal Opera House. More than 15,000 signatures have been collected in just under two weeks, from as far afield as Italy and Japan, including the conductor Riccardo Muti and the orchestra of La Scala.

Straw bans prison pay protest Michael Howard, and in the High Court Tory anti-union laws which they are cur-By RICHARD FORD

HOME CORRESPONDENT

PRISON officers were yesterday forbidden to hold a nationwide pay protest, in the first court action this Government has

taken against a trade union.
The 29,000-strong Prison Officers' Association had planned branch meetings at all 135 jails in England and Wales at 7.30am today in protest at a 2.7 per cent pay offer. Jack Straw took legal action on advice from the Prison Service that the meetings would disrupt the unlocking of prisoners, delay court appearances and the start of workshops.

The Home Secretary invoked a law introduced by his Conservative predecessor,

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Mr Justice Ferris granted an injunction banning the meetings. He said it was justified because of the damage that would be caused to the Prison Service.

Mr Justice Ferris said the Home Office was entitled to the injunction at short no-tice because it had an arguable case that Justice Act and Public Order Act barring the POA from taking industrial action.

Mark Healy, chairman of the POA, ac-

cused the Government of using Conservative tactics to "sabotage" legitimate pay ne-gotiations: "Sabotage is not too strong a word to use. We are appalled at the actions not only of the prison department but also of the Labour Government using

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rently regotiating to repeal, to prevent us-holding the meetings." He denied that the meetings had been

planned to cause major disruption. He said they had been timed for when prisoners were still locked up.
A Prison Service spokesman said it was not opposed to the POA holding meetings.

but that it should be with the agreement of governors. "Governors have been offering afternative times to branches so as to minimise disruption to the running of jails." the spokesman said, It is the first time the Prison Service has

taken action at a national level to prevent the POA taking industrial action, and precedes a union conference tomorrow.

Dublin puts out Survival of the littlest flags for Duke

UNION Flags flew from offi-cial buildings in Dublin yester-day to mark the arrival of the Duke of Edinburgh, the most senior member of the Royal Family to visit the Irish Repubdependence from Britain.

Prince Philip, who was in Ireland on business related to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, met the Irish President and Prime Minister and toured many buildings once central to Britain's control. He arrived by RAF belicopter, landing in Aras an Uachtarain, the former vice-regal lodge now used as home to

president,

McAleese.
The visit is being widely seen as a precursor to a visit by the Queen who joins Mrs McAleese in Flanders today to

unveil a memorial tower to the thousands of Irishmen who died in the First World War. The Duke and the President arrived in Dublin Castle to jointly launch a millennium project for young people in Northern Ireland and the Republic.

Mrs McAleese said recently she was "anxious" that the Queen visit Ireland but sources said that it was unlikely to happen before the next millen-

The Queen was yesterday invited to attend millennium cel-ebrations in Bethlehem, which is now under Palestinian control. The Palestinian leader Yassir Arafat used an historic trip to the West Bank by the Duke of Kent to issue the formal invitation. There is diplomatic speculation that the Pope will also attend.

Pupils may sign school contracts BY VICTORIA FLETCHER keeping parents informed about their child's progress

PUPILS aged as young as five will be asked to sign a contract with their school promising to behave, work hard and not to vandalise school buildings, the Government announced

sign a pledge with the school, promising that they will ensure their child times up for lessons, does his or her homework and that they will attend parents' evenings. The contracts, to be used in every school by September. are part of a Government plan to make parents and pupils aware of their role in raising

education standards. In return schools will sign their part of the contract, which outlines the services they must provide for parents and pupils. This will include

Although schools will be le-gally obliged to offer the contracts from next September, Parents will also be asked to parents and pupils will not be forced to sign them. Moreover, the contracts are not legally binding: any party who broke their promises would face linle more than an angry

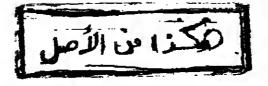
work up to date.

letter or meeting. Charles Clarke, the Schools Minister, said that he did not think there would be many parents who would not want to sign the agreement. He said: "The vast majority of schools want this. I do not think parents in poor areas will not sign up to this and have no assumption that par-

and keep the marking of home-

ents will not want to do it."





Boycott and the temper that caught him out

Cricket veteran found guilty again by a French judge unmoved by his outbursts, reports Ben Macintyre

THE French judge who found Geoffrey Boycott guilty of as-saulong his former girlfriend was swayed by his bad-tempered court outbursts, she said yesterday. Dominique Haumant-Daumas said that the cricket veteran, who told time prosecution lawyer to "shut up" during the hearing last month, had not helped his

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Boycott said that he was "hurt and disappointed" after the court in Grasse, near Nice. sentenced him to a three-month suspended prison term and a fine of 50,000 francs (£5,300) for assaulting Margaret Moore in a Riviera hotel two years ago. Ms Moore was also awarded a single French

franc in symbolic damages. The former England and Yorkshire player received precisely the same sentence when he was tried "in absentia" last January. He demanded a retrial and has since spent an estimated £250,000 trying to clear his name.

Madame Haumant-Daumas, the president of the Grasse court, wrote in her judgment: "The accused did not hesitate to interrupt Ms Moore's barrister, thereby undermining the image of the perfect gentleman which so many of his old friends and witnesses had come to sup-

More importantly, Madame Haumant-Daumas who pointedly professed to knowing little and caring less about cricket - concluded that the bruises to Ms Moore's face had been caused by "deliberate blows", and not by falling on the carpeted floor of the hotel bedrooom, as Boycott had claimed.

"His arguments did not support the theory of an accidental fall," she wrote in her seven-page judgment.

Speaking by telephone from Pakistan, where he is commentating on Australia's cricket tour, Boycott, 58, said: "When went to see Fatal Attraction 1 never thought it could happen

Hollywood film starring Michael Douglas and Glenn Close in which a man is stalked and almost murdered hy his besutted former lover. Ms Moore, 46, had claimed that Boycott punched her repeatedly in the face in their hedroom at a luxury Capd Antibes hutel after a dispute over

money, leaving her with two

black eyes. Buycon denied the assault. and during his retrial on October 20, he called 13 witnesses. including two former girlfriends, in affest in his character and refute the medical evidence presented by Ms

Richard Knaggs, Boycoll's English lawyer, immediately said that the verdict would be appealed to the three-judge appeals court in Aix-en-Provence, a process likely to take many months.

However, a statement issued by Boycott's publicist Max Clifford indicated that the commentator was soll in two minds about whether in continue lighting the case.

"I now have ten days in which to decide whether or not to appeal this decision and I will be discussing that decision with my legal team in the next few days," the statement said. "A lot of time and effort in the last year has gone into disproving every single allegation made about me by Margaret Moore, I felt sure this had been achieved and I know the decision is totally wrong."



Moore and the judgment "If I get a cheque, I'll frame it"

During the long court hearing last month. Boycott was unable to control his temper. He complained bitterly that he had understood little of the court proceedings since these

had been conducted in French. After the verdict, Boycott



gance and irony could hardly have been more in contrast to the Yorkshireman's habitually blunt and aggressive manner.

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"Obviously I am very disap-pointed with the court's decision, but in view of the way the trial was conducted, I suppose it is not a total surprise. In my view, we clearly disproved every allegation but obviously not in the view of the French magistrate," he said.

Ms Moore was present in court to hear the verdict and appeared to be revelling in the second public humiliation of her former lover. "I don't think I will get my one franc, because he is a little tight-fisted." she said outside the courtroom. "If I get a cheque I'll frame it and if I don't I'll send

Ms Moore and Rachel Swinglehurst, Boycott's current girlfriend who attended the hear-

ferences outside the courtroom. 'The verdict is outraceous. Geoffrey will prove his innocence next time, no matter what it costs," Ms Swinglehurst said.

Boycon last night told the BBC: "I was disappointed, but after the way the court hearing was conducted. I'm not all together surprised. My evidence was good and witnesses had excellent first-hand knowledge of the type of injury that can be involved even by an accidental blow to the head."

He said that he had not been able to speak properly with his lawyers, but said an immedi-

ate appeal had been lodged.
"I think when people say
you must delend your name and you must go to court, even in another country, they don't know how difficult that is. You are on a hiding to nothing.

Obviously with an appeal pending and another hearing. I have got to be a little careful of what I say about what I really think."

Boycon was yesterday in Pakistan commentating on Australia's tour for the independent production company Trans World International. It provides coverage of the major Pakistani, Indian and West Indian cricketing events to British broadcaster

"Everybody is quite happy with Geoffrey Boycott, He would not be commentating if people didn't want him." said a spokeswoman. "He is employed on a tour-by-tour basis. As future tours come up, decisions will be made as to wheth-

er he will commentate for us." However, The Sun an-nounced that it had terminated its contract with him. A spokesman said: "Our readers would find repugnant the idea of us employing someone with a conviction for violence against a woman."

Boycott was dropped from the BBC radio commentary team covering the West Indies tour in January after the first court case. He returned to the commentary box in July for the Third Test against South Africa after he exercised his right to have the conviction set aside. Last night, the BBC said: "Geoffrey Boycott is not under contract with the BBC and there are no plans to use



Briton taken hostage in mine raid 'used as pack animal'

FROM SAM KILEY IN JOHANNESBURG AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

A BRITON taken hostage by suspected Unita guerrillas after a raid on a diamond mine in Angola was being used as a "pack animal" along with three colleagues to march looted goods deep into the bush. Twenty-one people, including two Britons, were killed in the

DiamondWorks, the company for which Jason Pope, 26. from Devon, worked, said yesterday that it had been in radio contact with the hostages until Monday when the hostages were marched outside the range of security handsets they had taken with them.
"What is puzzling is that they allowed their hostages to communicate with us for so long. This gives us some hope that they will be decently treated." the company said.

The Britons who died in the attack on Sunday were Alan Thomas, the director of the mine, and David Boutle, head

of mining operations. Mr Boutle's father Chris, 50, said his son understood the risks of working there. David Boutle, 26, had given up his place at Oxford University where he was to read history to pursue his ambition to mine

for diamonds in Africa. Chris Boutle of Bracknell. Berkshire: said: "He would not take suicidal risks but he had a spirit of adventure. He was very bright, extremely intelligent and determined. It is

such a dreadful waste." The other Briton killed in the assault, Mr Thomas, 51, had worked in the diamond mining industry for 12 years. His son Mark said at the family home in Liversedge, West Yorkshire: "I don't think you would ever find a more princi-

pled, hardworking, honest person in your entire life. He was very strong willed." Mr Thomas was aware of the dangers posed by working in Angola, his son said. "It was the nature of the job. Fighting

has been going on in Angola for quite a long time." A fourth Briton, Robin Barton, 52, managed to escape unhurt and is now in Luanda. Bruce Walsham, chief execuove of the Canadian mining

company DiamondWorks, was flying out to the mine to meet senior government, military and local officials to try to secure the release of the hostages. A company spokesman said: "The company will take

all necessary steps to ensure that the missing expatriate personnel are safely returned to their homes and families as quickly as possible."

Mr Boutle got his job at the mine in June after graduating in 1996 with a first-class degree in mining engineering. and too student in his year. from the Camborne School of Mines in Cornwall.

His father, a chief engineer for Marconi, said: "We last saw him on September 22 when he was in good spirits and looking forward to going back. We also spoke regularly

on the phone." He said his son had been planning to go to the United States next year to study for a masters degree in business administration. The mother of hostage Jas-

on Pope said last night that she believes he will be able to negotiate his release. Mr Pope



David Boutle, left, and Alan Thomas: killed by raiders

had just returned to Angola after a short holiday with his parents in Teignmouth, Devon. He had told them he believed the company's security arrangements would keep him

His mother said: "He has always been a leader; a quiet leader though. He is not one of these terribly extrovert charac-

"He said he felt there were good prospects for mining from the commercial point of view but there was a difficult political situation. His company was piggy-in-the-middle between the Government on one side and the Units rebels on the other. He said he had one or two occasions when he had been frightened but he did not go into detail.

"He also thought the firm's security measures were the best in the area and were ade-

quate.
"If anyone is going to come out of it alive it is him. He has the right emotional attitude and the right personality to come through a situation like this. I am fairly philosophical. I do not have any bad vibes that he is dead. I live in hope. It is a situation every mother dreads and you go through every scenario in your mind but it is his life and he has chosen it and he enjoys it."

Yesterday a senior aide to Jonas Savimbi, Unita's leader, said that the guerrilla movement would "investigate" the attack on the mine.

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By PAUL WILKINSON

THE novelist Jilly Cooper tipped off the RSPCA about cruelty at an animal sanctuary she supported after hearing rumours during a book signing.

The writer was told of appalling conditions at the Tether's End sanctuary in Leeds, where she was the patron, as she visited a bookshop in the city. Her readers complained that a parrot thought to be 90 years old, dogs, monkeys, foxes and a

cockatoo were being mistreated. RSPCA inspectors and police later raid-

ed the sanctuary and arrested its 82-yearold proprietor, Norma Clutterbuck. Yesterday, magistrates in Leeds imposed a life ban on her keeping any wild or exoric animals and birds and all reptiles. She was also fined £1.000 and conditionally discharged for two years for each of four counts of causing unnecessary suffering to animals. The charges related to two

marmoset monkeys and two foxes. Clutterbuck and her husband. George, 96, had run the sanctuary for 30 years when it was raided in July last year. Tony Kelbrick, for the prosecution, said investi-

gators had found 12 dogs in kennels in the living room, and in a darkened, 7ft square room four monkeys, a cockatoo, foxes and a parrot in small cages. The floor was covered with excrement and stale food. Gerald Lumley, for Clutterbuck, said:

The animals are like a family to her as she has no children. She spent 30 years of her life giving shelter and love to animals. I hope you respect she did try her best to look after the animals and spent a fortune of her own money on veterinary bills." She had worked as an RSPCA volunteer and had been an honorary secretary.

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THE TIMES WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER II 1998 Millions expected to observe the two-minute silence

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the two-minute Armistice silence to day marking the 80th annicersary

WONTH NOVEMBER

of the end of the First World War. Supermarkets, airports, railway stations, banks and factories will

come to a halt at Ham. The courts, radio and televisium stations are among many organisations marking the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in tribute to British servicemen and women who died for their country.

Briosh Airways has reschedoled a Concorde flight so that it does not clash with the silence, and no BA aircraft will push away from stands or start their engines from

for the Ruyal British Legion estimated that three quarters of the country, about 43 million people, would observe the silence. It is the fourth year in which the Legion has campaigned for the silence on Novem-

her II and it has won the backing of

all three main political parties. Tuny Blair said: "The Legion's Campaign has been a magnificent success and reminds both young and old of the sacrifices that have been made in the past on behalf of our nation." Debute in the main chamber of the Commons will stup

Commons committees and other offices will observe the silence. Meetings at 350 local councils will also be halled.

Staff at all main line railway station will observe the silence and passengers will be invited to join in the commentoration. London Transport said that staff and perssengers would mark the silence at Underground stations and London

buses would, if practical, pull over tu the side of the road. The silence will also be ubserved at the Nissan car plant in Sunderland; at Toyo-

ta's plant in Bornaston, Derby-

shire, it will be left in employees whether to participate. One production line there will stop to allow workers to observe the silence.

Supermarkets, banks, airports and factories will come to a standstill at 11am today, reports Richard Ford

The Post Office has left the deci-sion to indiciduals. We leave it to the personal feelings of each emplayee. We make it quite clear that ancone who wishes to observe the silence is welcome to du so," a spokesman said.

A ceremony of Remembrance will be held at the Post Office's head office in London to commemorate employees who gave their lives, including members of the Post Office Rifles who served in the 1914-1918 war.

Many firms will cease production fur the two minutes, including British Aerospace, Cadbury Schweppes, National Power, PowerGen and Zeneca, the pharmeceutical company. The start and finish of the silence will be announced in stores including Tesco, Safeway, Sainshury's, Asda, Marks & Spen-cer, John Lewis, McDonald's and Burger King.

Work on the Millennium Dome will halt and the Legion urged construction workers across the coun-

try to suspend work. The Legion approached construction firms after complaints last year that building work spoilt the silence, lan Townsend, secretary general of the Leginn, said: "From 57 per cent ob-

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that successive governments have failed to honour the financial obligations to those who suffered captivny. Their fight stems from a Geneva Concention agreement under which the country that held the soldiers captive was required to pay them. But while their home pay

Shocked survivor rejects honour

Horrors seen by ambulance driver linger, reports Simon de Bruxelles

WINIFRED DEACON has never forgotten the horrors she witnessed as an ambulance driver on the Western

The experience affected her so deeply that this week the great-great-grandmother from Paignton in Devon turned down the offer of France's highest award, the Lé-

gion d'honneur. Now 101, Mrs Deacon says she still cannot bear to celebrate anything to do with the

Mrs Deacon and other surviving veterans who fought on French soil were granted the honour to mark the eightieth anniversary of the Armi-

Speaking yesterday at the retirement home where she now lives, she said: "I want nothing to do with war whatsoever, I don't want this blessed medal, I don't want anything to do with it.

"If they came in to my room right oow holding the Legion d'honneur I would tell them to

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get out and to take it with them. My remembrance was seeing young boys after one of the retreats from the Somme

the shell-shocked, the gassed, the blind and men old enough to be my father -- crying, waiting for the ambulance drivers to take them down the line. All I could do was hold their hands as they were dying."

when she was posted to serve in France with the Army Service Corps in 1915 at the age of 17. Despite standing just 4ft 9in. she drove a two-tonne Albion ambulance as well as a Ford staff car. She met her future hos-

band, who was then serving with intelligence, when she was assigned to drive him She vividly recalls the awful

"I can't tell people the

sights that greeted ber on the Western Front "I had never seen a dead body in my life, then I saw them in hundreds laid out in fields.

stench there was. There was nothing much to be buried in some of the war graves." Mrs Deacon twice suffered heavy She was nicknamed Tiny shelling and on the second oc-

> Her hearing was permanently damaged by the experience. But it was the suffering she saw around her that hurt most. She said: "It is impossible to make anyone realise the mental and physical ordeal those men and boys went through, not just for hours but years, while the men who made the profits from the in-dustry of arms, weapons, tanks, guns and gas never

went near one bullet. "I saw a lot of shell-shocked



Winifred Deacon, pictured right aged 18, saw too much suffering on the Western Front to accept French honour

casion was buried for six hours before being rescued, "I threw my three medals

soldiers. They were broken men. I was driving a captain

once when he had an attack and shook uncontrollably. I stopped at a hospital to get him a mug of tea and lots of

from the Great War into the dustbin when the Second World War started."

Women were called on for the first time in war because every available able-bodied man was needed to fight. Thousands volunteered to serve as ambulance drivers ferrying the wounded from frontline casualty clearing stations to makeshift hospitals. The massive number of casualties and the confusion of war meant little concession

could be made for them. Mrs Deacon said: "We lived as the men did, putting

up with bombing, rats and lice. It was difficult to keep warm with no heat, two blankets and the overcoats.
"Our billet was just a hut

with corrugated iron and hessian nailed on wooden struts. Rats gnawed holes in it in search of food.

We were up at 6.30am to get ready and rarely came back before oight-time. I went anywhere and everywhere Etaples, Calais, Dleppe, Rouen and Ypres. Where the officers had to go I had to find

Laurent Lemarchand, a spokesman for the French Embassy, said that about 160 veterans who had fought on French soil had been awarded the rank Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur, with another

75 under consideration. He said: "The intention is to honour the survivors of the First World War, to celebrate in a dignified way the eightieth anniversary of the Armistice and to make sure, with the century coming to a close, that the memory of these great fight-

ers is not lost to the oncoming

generations. "It is a duty of gratitude and a duty of memory, both to the people who have survived and those who have not.

"It is an important concern in France, as it is in Britain, that things are not lost as time

He said he was oot aware of anyone else turning down the honour as Mrs Deacon has done, but added: "It is her own privilege to decline."

the country hace welcomed this simple form of remembrance. It inwas docked, the camp pay they received was calculated on unrealistroduces a poignant annual motic rates of exchange. ment of reflection into their lices". Drormer prisoners of war yesterday called in the Govern-**Lost Sassoon**

By Dalya Alberge

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campaign in 1995 to the kind of re-

sponse we saw last year shows that

people from all walks of life all over

News of the find comes days

Dr Campbell's discovery was attached to a letter, dated May 9, 1918, to Lady Ottoline Morrell, a friend with whom Sassoon corresponded regular-ly during the conflict. The lecturer explained: "Now on his way back to the Front for what would be the last time - an accidental bullet from one of his own men ended his involvement two months later - Sassoon disparaged the behaviour of his fellow-subalterns on the troop ship where the at-

ment to refond pay worth EIS mil-lion deducted while they were held in German and Italian camps during the Second World War.

More than 6,000 surviving British officers and their widows claim

ARTS CORRESPONDENT A PREVIOUSLY onpublished war poem by Siegfried Sassoon has emerged among a collection of leners in an American university archive. It was uncarthed by Patrick Campbell, a lecturer in English and performing arts at Middlesex University, while researching a critical study of Sassoon's poetry.

The rediscovered poem is entitled Testament which, Dr Campbell said, was not to be confused with A Testament of 1916. "a nostalgic evocation of the English landscape, written hefore Sassoon had seen much frontline action". Testament was composed during the later stages of the war.

after another unknown poem by Sassoon, To a Citizen-Soldier, 1916, was found by Jean Moorcroft Wilson, his biographer, at Cambridge Universi-

TESTAMENT

For the last time I say -War is not glorious Though lads march out, superb and fall vic IOT IOUS. -Scrapping like de

slaves. And crowned by peace, the sunlight on their graves

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You swear we crush the Beast; I say we fight Because men lost their landmarks in the night And met in gloom to

grapple, stob and kill Yelling their fetish names of Good and Ill shamed in history. O my heart.

Be still: you have cried your cry: you have played your part.

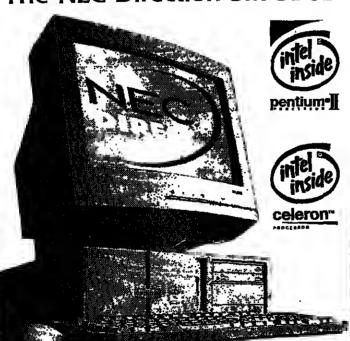
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loons was beyond words, Nonetheless, in sentiments that echo those of the poem, he had exonerated the troopers adding. But the men are more impressive than ever." He acknowledges that the

poem is "not worthy of Sassoon at his best: that Sassoon did not wish to publish a runof-the mill poem is hardly a matter for surprise". It is part of a collection in

the Harry Ransom Humani-ties Research Center at the mosphere of cocktails and University of Texas at Austin.





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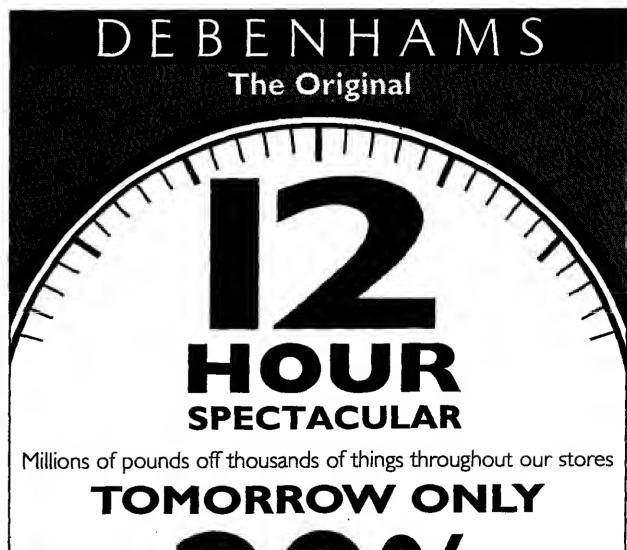
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Popping in to the Pa

Four boys who wrote to the Queen are to play at the Prince's birthday party. Dominic Kennedy reports

A SCHOOLBOY pop band who were given £5,000 of National Lottery cash so they could play more concerts are to perform in Buckingham Palace after writing an irreverent letter to the Queen.

SDAY NOVEMBER II 100

The group Alive have been asked to do two 20-minute sets in front of 850 guests during the Friday evening gala cele-brating the 50th birthday of the Prince of Wales.

The boys, aged 16 and 17, from Bury in Lancashire, en-closed a compact disc of their songs with a lener beginning "Dear Your Majesty" and continuing in the same informal vein to a row of kisses.

The group, whose fathers are their roadies and whose mothers act as caterers, washers and poster sellers, are used to caprivating the mobs of teenage girls who watch their school concerts. In their lener, signed "Andy, Daz, Martin and Craig" they treated the and Craig", they treated the Queen to a taste of the same

waggish charm.
"We've never played in Lon-

don," they wrote, "and would like the chance to perform at Buckingham Pairce, possibly

inside the gates."

When Alive were granted the maximum E5,000 from the the maximum ES,000 from the lottery's Arts For Everyone Express awards last year they were able to buy new lights and sound equipment and travel to more concerts. They were already something of local heroes. They have become a bit of a cult group in thury," a spokeswoman for the Arts Council of England, which distributed the money, said. "Girls have pictures of them on their walls. The grant was to increase their professional development and training opportunities."

portunities," Before the Aris Council stepped in, the boys had played only 20 concerts at venplayed only 20 concerts at ven-ues such as primarly schiols and special schools. They used part of the cash to buy time in a recording studio. They have already shared the bill with Madonna on the lonery pro-gramme this year. They will

DEAR YOUR MAJESTY...

"A long time ago you gave out OBLs to The Beatles and have since given awards to many famous pop stars, but you've had the same band playing outside Buckingham Palace since forever. Well, we are four young lads aged 16 and 17 who form the band A12VE. In fact here's a C13 and appears to be a part of the part of of our music for you to listen to and some information about us. We were recently booked to play a load of concerts with top acts, but the promoter turned out to be a complete comman and we really lost nut. We've never played in London and would like the chance to perform played in London and would like the chance to perform at Buckingham Palace, possibly inside the gates where the band usually plays to entertain the crowds or inside at a party. It would be a really good gig line us and having the gig on our CV might help us swing a record contract. You will note from the enclosed leaflet that we got support from The Prince's Trust. They gave us a grant of £480 in January 1997 and we would have asked Prince Charles, but as Buckingham Palace is your house we thought we should ask you first. We've put a nice slow song on the CD first cos we thought you wouldn't be into heavy stuff. By all means give the CD to your grandchildren to listen to but make sure they give it you back. Finally, we are four good lads who don't do drugs aren't scruffy and don't use foul language (maybe that's where we've been going wrong!) Anyway, if you cant give us a break it would be cool. With our love to you and all the Royal Family, Andy, Daz, Martin and Craig XXXXX.

perform in the Picture Gallery organisations linked with the at Buckingham Palace, the Prince. largest area of the State Rooms, where musicians en-tertain visiting dignitaries. The guests at the party will in-clude 400 from charities and

Peter Ross, 45, father of the lead guitarist Andy, lea contribeir manager, said, "Vec are

and the right, Andy, Martin, Darren and Craig of Alive

Jaggers drawn over covergirl daughter

By CAROL MIDGLEY

THE burgeoning modelling career of Mick Jagger's 14-year-old daughter is causing a rift between the Rolling Stones singer and his wife, it emerged yesterday.

Jagger is furious about Elizabeth's modelling work and thinks that she should be concentrating on schoolwork, his wife, Jerry Hall, said. Elizabeth has already followed her mother on to the catwalk for the designers Thierry Mugler and Vivienne Westwood and makes her covergirl debut for Harpers & Queen tomorrow.

Ms Hall told the magazine's December issue that her husband disapproved. "He wants Elizabeth to concentrate on her schoolwork and says it is really silly as she doesn't need the money," she said. "But I tell him almost every schoolgirl wants to be a model."

She was modelling only in the summer holidays and "the other odd thing", she said. Her daughter had "worked on her" for a year before she had allowed her to model, she said. "I was putting it off as long as possible, but she's 5ft 91/sin, very thin and very pretty, so model scouts who had no idea who she was kept coming up to her and giving her cards."

Happy pill 'should be available for all'

BY MARK HENDERSON

POWERFUL drugs such as Prozac should be available as "happy pills" to healthy pen-ple with no clinical need for them, a psychologist arged vesternlay.

yesterday.

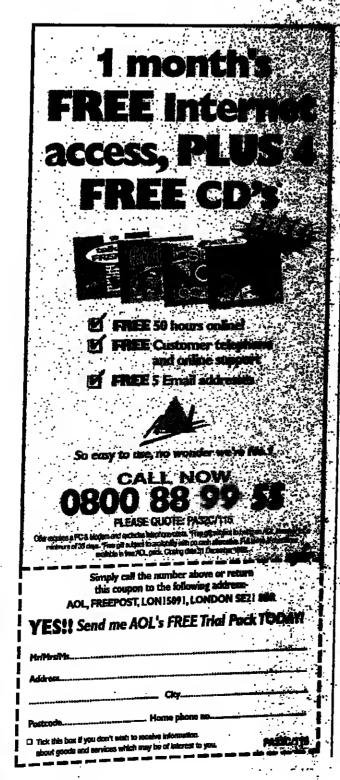
Anti-depressants can vasity improve the lives of people who have never sufficient from depression or meintil health problems, Bruce Charlton of Newcastle University said in a paper published in the John nal of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Treatments such as Promic and paroxetine— marketed as the 'shyness pill' Serokat— have few serious aids elifects and have been showelly trials to benefit the handley. The drugs can ease mixtery in his cial situations, fight, unplease ant emotions such as assign and frustration and finite itemple ple feel "better than well". and frustration and in ple feel "better than w

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X-rays reveal the true mark of a master

Rediscovered work by Velázquez is causing a stir, reports Dalya Alberge

A PAINTING long thought to have been by the I7th-century Spanish artist Murillo has been reattributed to his teacher, Velázquez, after X-rays revealed his distinctive palette buife markings

knife markings.
Studies of the Saint Rufina also uncovered stylistic links to the Sybil in the Prado. Madrid. The news has caused a stir among historians. Although Murillo (1617-82) is a revered Old Master, his virtuosity is eclipsed by Velázquez (1599-1660).

The record price paid for a Murillo, set by Christie's in 1990, stands at £2 million. The last time a great Veläquez came on to the market was in 1970, again at Christie's, when it fetched £2.31 million. breaking the world record.

Anthony Crichton-Stuart, the British-born head of Old Master pictures of Christie's in New York, said: "Velázquez is not only the most important painter of the Golden Age of painting in Spain, he ranks as one of the greatest and most influendal Western artists of all time. Saint Rufina is an exceptional example of his work."

The painting was first recorded in the inventory of
Velázquez's first and principal
patron, Don Luis de Haro,
Marques de Eliche, 6th
Marques del Carpio; in 1643
he succeeded his uncle as
Prime Minister to King Philip
IV of Spain, whose favourite
court painter was Velázquez.



Old Masters: Velázquez and his pupil, Múrillo

in 1948, it came up for sale in

The inventory described the work as "a painting of St Rufina, half-length, with a palm and some cups in her hands, original by Diego Velazquez, three-quarters and a half in height and two-thirds and two fingers in width".

Explaining why the size is only "more or less comparable". Mr Crichton-Stuart said that depended on how fat one's fingers were.

The painting had disappeared until 1868, when it resurfaced in the collection of the Earl of Dudley as the work of Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, the leading painter in Seville after Velázquez left for Madrid in 1623

in 1623.

Murillo was once compared to Titian, Raphael and Van Dyck, and his fame in the 18th and 19th centuries was enormous. In 1925 the 3rd Earl sold the painting at Christie's and

and instigated a thorough technical examination of the painting, thereby confirming the artribution and establishing a date for the work between 1632 and 1634."

He spoke of how it was stylistically close to Velazquez's 1630 work, Sibyl, in the Prado, Madrid: "In both paintings the subject is set against a neutral, light coloured ground."

Clinching evidence was found in the X-ray, which clearly shows the marks left by his palette knife: "It shows a preparatory ground layer that is very particular to Velázquez." Also the materials are typical of those used by Velázquez.

New York when it was bought by the family of the present The composition depicts one of the patron saints and protecowner. It has remained unseen by the public ever since. Mr Crichton-Stuart said tors of Seville. With her sister Saint Justa, Saint Rufina was that in 1963 a noted scholar, martyred in 287AD after being José Lopez-Rey, first referred tortured and killed by the Roto a lost Velázquez of Saint Ruman governor for refusing to fina: "Convinced the present give offerings to a statue of Vepainting was this lost work. Christie's team immediately nus. The work will be exhibited at Christie's London on Decompared the present painting cember 9, before the auction in to other works by Velazquez New York on January 29.



Arts and education share £7m donation

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MORE than E7 million is to be shared by arts and educational projects from awards made by the Jerwood Foundation (Folya Alberge writes).

(Dalya Alberge writes).

Among schemes are a Jerwood Gallery at the Natural History Museum to allow regular displays from its collection of half a million drawings, paindings and prints.

Jerwood funds will also cre-

Jerwood funds will also create a sculpture park at Witley Court, the magnificent ruined Victorian mansion near Worcester managed by English Heritage — among them new works con hissioned from young artists.

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As the foundation is now making capital grants, it announced that it will repay the Arts Council the £1.4 million lottery award allocated to the Jerwood Space for its development as a public arts venue.

The foundation, established

The foundation, established in 1977, commemorates John Michael Jerwood, whodied in 1991. He established one of the largest dealerships in cultured pearls. During his lifetime he made extensive donations within the fields of music and

Censor's regret over Travolta drug scene

BY CAROL MIDGLEY MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S outgoing film censor yesterday criticised Pulp Fiction for glamorising drugtaking and said that, in hindsight, he believed that it might have been better to cut it.

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James Ferman, who retires as director of the British Board of Classification in December, said the Quentin Tarantino film was "practically an advertisement" for heroin.

He told the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence that Tarantino, who claimed he wanted to do the "best shooting up scene in the world", had been socially irresponsible. But he said they could not cut a scene which shows John Travolta injecting the drug because it was "part of the rhythm" of the film.

Mr Ferman added: "We didn't cur the film and I don't know, looking back, whether that was a good idea. I still wonder whether injection has increased since this film was out, because it was going to increase the glamour of injection considerably."

He also worried about Trainspotting, which he said gave a "very mixed message" about heroin.

Simon the Signer will help deaf 'hear' TV

BY OUR MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A VIRTUAL reality figure called Simon could be about to revolutionise television for the deaf.

The 3-D character will stand permanently in the corner of the screen translating words into sign language. The technology, developed by the Uoiversity of East Anglia in Norwich, could eventually replace subtitles.

Simon the Signer is the result of a joint project between the university, the Independent Television Commission and a local graphics firm. Televirtual. Scientists hope to have the technology to put the software for Simon in a box which deaf people can buy and put on their television

sets by next year.

Professor Andrew Bangham of the university's School of Information Systems, said: "Subtitles can be difficult for a lot of deaf people who do not read smoothly. When signing is their first language it is a lot easier to understand than the written word. This system can convert subtitles straight into sign language without TV companies having to get a real signing expert to do it."

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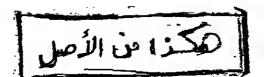
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Powell shows Army how to defeat racism

BY HELEN RUMBLLOW

COLIN POWELL the highest-ranking black officer in America, told the British Armed Forces yesterday to punish officers for any racism among their troops.

To assist in their self-declared "war on racism", the Armed Forces flew in the former head of the American military to teach them how to be less prejudiced against people for their race or gender.

General Powell received an enthusiastic standing ovation from more than 100 top-ranking British commanders at the first conference to address equal opportunities in the

Armed Services. He told them the lessons they should learn from his own struggle to progress from his beginnings as a poor child from the Bronx. His eyes brimmed with tears as he recalled leading the Desert



Powell: Gulf War troops were seen as one family

Storm nperation in the Gulf War with forces who considered each other "family", whether black, white, male nr female. That was possible be-cause he had made it the job nf leaders to be "vicious against

the expression of racism". "It is not policies or programmes that will get you to

and leaders who will take it on as their central mission and be ready to slick to it as a cam-

"British officers should embark on this crusade for nne reason, a simple reason, that it is in the best interests of Her Majesty's Armed Forces. Not as a favour but to produce an even more brave band of warriors. In this I wish them the best of luck."

Immediately afterwards Sir Charles Guthrie, the Chief of the Defence Staff, and George Robertson, the Secretary of State for Defence, vowed to implement some of the American innovations, in particular making promotion of officers dependent on the wellbeing of the minority groups under their command.

"You can't blame everything on the hoss," General Guthrie said to discreet applause, "but most things. As you know our



The Household Cavalry mounted a recruitment drive in Brixton, South London, yesterday. General Powell remarked that the US had never had a problem recruiting troops from ethnic minorities and said a decision to allow British servicemen to wear uniform in public life should help

track record has not, over the years, been good," he said. Ethnic minorities at present form t per cent of the Armed Forces. I believe we have made significant progress in the last year or so," the general said. "We have not been complacent, nor have we been arrogant. In

short, we are fighting a war on Mr Robertson said that they

were ready to take on the more radical advice from General Powell. We brought him here to learn from him. His recommendations to make officers responsible for racism in the ranks seem perfectly in line with what we have already been doing.

"His picture of the systematic way it has been done with clear leadership from the top

is what we intend and we hope we get his results."

General Powell said that as an II-year old boy in the Bronx in 1948 he had been told by society that he had "no need of ambitions or rights" and was told how black people were kept to the back of everything: "buses, movies or restaurants". However, that year

gated. That II-year-old boy didn't know Truman had signed an order that would make his dream come true."

The American experience

was opposite to Britain in one respect, he said, in that it had never had a lack of applications from the black community. In this respect he applauded the decision this month to allow Brinsh servicemen to wear their uniform in public life. "We also took this decision after the Vietman War and it was a major step in building pride and bonding and had a lot to do with our

He said Britain should consider several American policies to try to improve on its poor equal opportunities per-

success in recruitment in the

formance. It could give female and black officers mentors to compensate for the "buddy system" often available to whites. give quotas for black admissions to military colleges and ask promotion boards to be more lenient on young black officers because of racism they may have experienced in their

"It was a judgmeni I made that this was an appropriate thing to do: it has worked."

Afterwards British servicemen and women present said they were impressed by General Powell's performance. "His speech was so powerful, it gives you a buzz just to go out in uniform," Lieutenant Deborah Williams, an equal oppornunities adviser in the Royal Navy, said.

Diana fund will not give cash for mines clearance

By A CORRESPONDENT

LANDMINE clearance organisations will receive no cash from the charity set up to commemorate Diana, Princess of

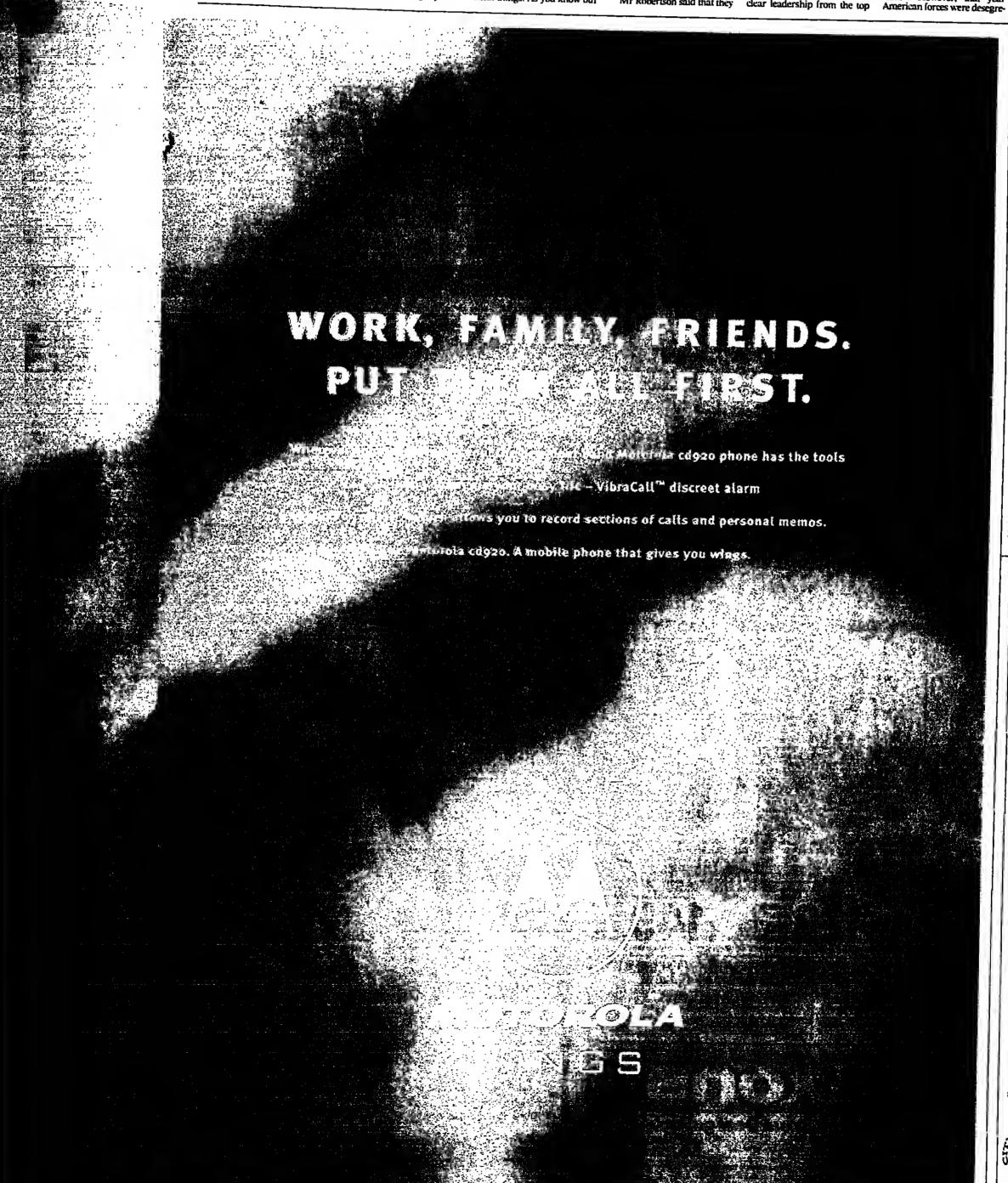
Wales, it emerged yesterday. The Princess of Wales Memorial Fund has confirmed that £I million set aside for the landmine cause in March this year will go towards aid for victims rather than the disposal of the weapons.

The decision to devote the money to humanitarian aid was taken after a panel of experts assembled by the fund, which has raised £85 million since the Princess's death, concluded that clearance was too expensive to support.

A fund spokeswoman said: It was decided that to give the El million to landmine clear-ance would be a drop in the ocean and the money available would be most appropriately used by helping those damaged by these weapons." Britain's biggest mine clear-

ance charity immediately attacked the decision as "short-sighted". The Mines Advisory Group, which recently de-layed the launch of a programme in Bosnia because of a cash shortage, said it was being penalised because of an assumption it was receiving money from the memorial fund.

Lou McGrath, MAG director, said that because the Princess was involved in mine clearing, "people expect we are receiving plentiful donations from the fund. But, as we have heard today, the opposite is the case and we face the ludicrous situation of the Diana Memorial Fund doing nothing to help a cause to which she gave a very clear and very important commitment."







200th release sparks arms anger

By MARTIN FLETCHER

TWO IRA women terrorists were freed yesterday, bringing the number of prisoners released under the Good Friday Agreement to more than 200 without any arms or explosives decommissioned.

The releases brought protests from Conservatives and Unionists, who de-manded that the Government halt the programme until disarmament began. Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness said that the IRA would not offer even a token decommissioning. Asked why, he said:

"The IRA won't do it. That's the reason." Andrew Mackay, the Shadow Northent Ireland Secretary, called the situation dangerous and outrageous". He said Tony Blair should end prisoner releases until there was substantial and verifiable decommissioning. Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist Party's security spokesman. said it was "time for the Prime Minister to honour his written commitment to David Trimble to review the political process after six months if it was not working". If Sinn Fein insisted on maintaining its "Armalite and ballot box strate-

gy" it should be excluded. lan Paisley Inr. justice spokesman of the anti-agreement Democratic Unionist Party, said the releases were a scandal. We said the terrorists will take, take, take and give nothing in return, and Tony Blair has fallen headlong into their trap." Sinn Fein welcomed the 200th re-

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lease, saying the Sentence Review Commission was beginning to do its job after a "stuttering start". It claims the Unionists are reneging on the agreement by re-fusing to establish a power-sharing execu-

tive until the IRA begins disarming.

The two prisoners released from Northern Ireland's Maghaberry prison were Martina Anderson and Ella O'Dwyer, both jailed for life for conspiring to plant 16 bombs in London and various English seaside resorts in 1985. In 1989 Anderson, a former Londonderry beauty queen married Paul Kavanagh, another IRA prisoner who bombed Harrods, the Chelsea barracks and the Wimpy bar in Oxford Street, London, in a campaign that killed

'Unsafe' Maze prison to be closed by 2000

THE Government tried to draw the sting from a shock-ing report on Northern Ireland's Maze prison last night by announcing its intention to close the top-security terrorist jail by late 2000.

The report painted an astonishing picture of a prison where the immates ruled, the prison officers lived in a state of fear and humiliation and basic rules were inoperable. The Maze was "not safe for prisoners or staff", Sir David Ramsbotham, Chief Inspector Prisons in England and

Wales, concluded. He acknowledged that a prison with up to 500 highly organised paramilitary inmates laced unique problems but said that letting prisoners regulate themselves was no way to run any institution. The real victims were the "battle-weary and traumatised" prison officers who would require psychological as well as financial sup-port when the Maze did finally

Robin Halward, the new head of Northern Ireland's prison service, admitted the Maze had had a "chequered history and more than its fair share of problems" but said the release of terrorist prison-ers under the Good Friday ac-cord offered an "opportunity to close that page of history". The 200th inmate was freed yesterday, just under 300 remain and three of the eight H

blocks have been closed. I hope that it will be razed to the ground as quickly as possible after it is finally emptied

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Inspector's scathing report says the lax regime endangers officers and inmates. Martin Fletcher reports

and confined to history." Sir David said. The report acknowledged that it was too late to reimpose normal prison rules in the Maze but said written protocols should be agreed with each paramilitary group and sanctions imposed for violations. That way a measure of control could be restored in the

governor and his staff. The report explained how the prisoners had won the right to self-regulation through years of attrition, and listed a string of appalling con-

Immates were able to have intimate physical relations with wives and girlfriends in unmanned visits room. They routinely claimed compensation for damage to their property and that was paid without question. They regularly de-manded and received extra meals, clothes and furniture. When Loyalist Volunteer Force prisoners were moved from their wing after murdering a colleague they refused to go until supplied with design-er sports clothes that cost the taxpayer £4.800 and a free supply of tobacco.

Prison officers were innuidated and their families threatened. In the course of the Troubles 29 officers were killed. mostly outside the prisnn. They were "worn down by the daily incessant demands, complaints and threats from people whom the courts had imprisoned for committing terri-ble crimes". They eventually sought to "avoid any situation that would bring conflict". Prismanagement that "their safety could not be guaranteed".

The guards could not enter the H blocks without permission, conduct headcounts or perform proper searches. They were effectively ordered about by the inmates. They had no pride in their job and dreaded periods of calm for fear of what was being haiched.

Sir David generally avoided "the blame game" but at one point declared: "I would have expected that someone would have had the wit to realise what such confinual exposure to stress entailed and have made arrangements for them to be relieved for periods." He recommended a special service medal for officers who had served during the Troubles.

One source told Sir David the Maze was a "dying prison" with neither staff nor prisoners knowing where the boundaries of acceptable behaviour lay". He called that an "apt de-

From internment cage to 'holiday camp'

oners engineered the removal

BY MARTIN FLETCHER CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Maze began life in 1971 as a series of makeshift prison huts or "cages" to house internes on an old Second World War airfield 10 miles south of Belfast. II was known as Long Kesh, or the "Lazy K", and re-publicans still call it "the

The internees, who included Gerry Adams, organised themselves along paramilitary lines. They enjoyed "special category" status to distinguish them from regular criminals but that status ended with internment in 1975 and its aboli-

tion paved the way for the "blanket" and "dirty" protests.

The internees had burnt down the Maze in 1974. In 1976 the eight present-day H blocks opened. IRA prisoners refused to wear prison uniform and began wrapping themselves in blankets. In 1978, when 300 "blanket men" were harassed while slopping out they stopped washing and began smearing their excrement across their cell walls.

The "dirty protest" was succeeded by the 1981 hunger strike. Bobby Sands and nine other republicans demanding political status starved thenrselves to death. That changed

A view of the Maze in 1983, showing the H blocks

the course of the conflict. Sands was elected with 30,000 votes in a Fermanagh by-election shortly before he died. Two other strikers were elected to the Irish parliament. The republican movement realised its political potential and gradually turned from armed to unarmed struggle. The strike also won the pris-

oners de facto political status. They were allowed their own clothes and excused prison work. In 1983 - the year 38 IRA prisoners escaped by hijacking a food lorry - loyalist and republican prisoners were segregated. Over the following decade the regime became increasingly liberal as the authorities reasoned that a prison housing 500 terrorist pris-oners could be run only with their co-operation.

By the time of last April's Good Friday accord, the Maze was widely portrayed as a holiday camp. The authorities secured the perimeter. The inmates ran their own wings and guards entered only with their permission.

That liberalisation enabled IRA inmates to dig a 40h tunnel before they were discov-ered in 1997, INLA inmates to niurder the loyalist terrorist Billy Wright and Liam Averill to escape in women's clothes after a Christmas party. It led to Ioday's damning report by Sir David Ramsbolham, Chief Inspector of Prisons.

Clegg retrial told soldiers tried to save shot woman

trol with Lee Clegg on the night he is accused of murdering a Belfast joyrider yesterday told a court of the frantic attempts they made to save the

The paratroopers described how they bandaged 18-year-old Karen Reilly's wounds and gave her moulh-to-mouth resuscitation. They were giving evidence al Belfasi Crown Court on the second day of Corporal Clegg's retrial for mur-

Sergeant Stephen Gilbert old the court that Miss Reilly. who was shot in the back in West Belfast in September 1990, was still breathing when she was taken out of the car. "She was ohviously unconscious and bleeding heavily Sergeant Gilbert, a corporal at the time of the shooting, said. Miss Reilly's father, Sean.



Karen Reilly: shot in back

sat in the back of the court, at times with his head in his hands, as his daughter's last moments were described.

Corporal Dean Clifton, then a lance-corporal, said he found the driver of the car. Martin Peake, 17, dead. Corporal Clegg, 30, was con-

victed in 1993 of murdering Miss Reilly and sentenced to life. He had opened fire on the car with other members of his pairol after they formed a road block on the Glen Road to stop joyriders. It was never established who fired the bullet that killed Marrin Peake.

The soldier was freed on licence in 1995 and went on to win the chance to clear his name in February when the Northern Ireland Court of Appeal quashed his conviction and ordered a retrial.

Corporal Clegg, who was a private at the time of the alleged offence, faces a new mandatory life sentence if he is found guilty a second time at the current hearing, which is expected to last six weeks. However legal sources say that it is highly unlikely he

would be returned to jail. The case commues.



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Sparks flying over top job at Marks

Patience Wheatcroft analyses the crisis crippling a British institution

MARKS and Spencer directors will today try to reassure shareholders that blood is not streaming down the corridors of head office in London. But fears that war has broken out in Baker Street will not be easily quelled.

The simmering question over the future leadership of the organisation has erupted into the public arena, with Sir Richard Greenbury, the chairman, under mounting pressure to step aside and his deputy. Keith Oates, apparently making a play for his job.

The mighty M&S now appears to be a company in crisis, its profits falling and its top management in turmoil. In the City there is amazement that the vital question of who should lead the business has been allowed to degenerate into such potentially damaging confusion. Investors are beginning to worry that the debade will inevitably detract attention from the fight that Marks should be staging to cope with evaporating sales, both at home and abroad.

The pressure is now on the six non-executive directors to act swiftly and put a stop to the squabbling. In theory they are a formidable bunch, with decades of experience in some of the country's major corporations, and the very special expertise of a former spymaster. Dame Stella Rimington.

In practice, there are doubts as to whether even they are a match for the bull-like determi-



The City feels M&S should be fighting falling sales

nation of the redoubtable Sir side territory, to chair a CBI Richard, who does not want to committee on corporate govbe moved from his post. The ernance in 1995, he was said to non-executives suggested to be incapable of coping with him once before that he might the arguments. He bitterly rerelinquish some of his power gretted having got involved but he ended up brandishing a and, when he appeared before bit of paper that assured the world they had asked him to a House of Commons committee wearing an apron that pro-claimed "If you can't stand the heat, ger out of the kitchen". stay until he is 65 (he is 62). But the revelation that Mr Oates has been pushing for some thought the strain had change leaves the non-execuproved too much. tives with no option but to confront the issue

Now, it seems, Keith Oates is prepared to risk his future career at M&S and make a This week, Sir Richard cut short a trip to India to fly stand against Sir Richard's home and defend his position. continuing dominance. He is Minions in Baker Street were

said to feel that he has little to lose by declaring his ambitions to take over the reins. He is already a wealthy man, with seven times as many M&S shares as his boss.

He does not need the job for the extra salary - he was paid £526,000 last year, although Sir Richard collected more than £800,000 — but, now in his mid fifties, he knows that he cannot wait much longer for a top executive role. If it is not going to be at M&S, then he might look elsewhere: he is already a non-executive director of BT and Diageo.

The unanimity with which the Sunday papers reported Mr Oates's offer of his services shocked M&S insiders, used to their company's public pronouncements being made through the carefully vetted Baker Street channels. Mr Oates denies putting his own spin doctors to work in advancing his cause but, whether pro-fessional or amateur, the effect was devastating.

He was not the favoured candate for preferment. As Sir Richard has hung on, long past his original retirement date, the managing directors have been jockeying for posi-



tion. Andrew Stone, Lord Stone of Blackheath, eventually decided to bow out, opting to accept a working peerage and combine running the M&S food business with the House of Lords. Increasingly

the mumblings have singled

out Peter Salsbury as the next man to head the company. But, despite his thorough grounding in the business, the vinced that Mr Salsbury is the face of the future. Some of them feel that Sir Richard's

dominance has left the company with a dearth of talent to fill the gap and run a company with sales of £8 billion and operations throughout the world. Sir Richard, however, is almost certainly going to have to

give up half his job at the very

least. He will have to get used to the idea of power-sharing if he is to stay on at M&S into the next century, as he wishes. The non-execs are going to have to opt for someone to work alongside him and hope he grows into the job.

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GP sent for trial on death of patient

By Russell Jenkins

A DOCTOR was sent for trial yesterday on a charge of murdering an elderly patient, only hours after police exhumed a seventh body as part of their continuing investigation.

Harold Shipman, 52, who runs a one-man general prac-tice in Hyde, Tameside, was committed to appear before a judge at Manchester Crown Court on December 8 by magistrates in Ashton-under-Lyne.

The GP is charged with murdering Kathleen Grundy, 81, in June this year, and with two charges of forging her will, making him the sole beneficiary of her £300,000 estate, and two charges of forging letters.

Dr Shipman, wearing a pull-over and open-neck shirt, spoke only briefly during the 12-minute hearing.

His wife Primrose, 51, sat in the public gallery of Tameside Magistrates' Court alongside family and friends. Mrs Grundy's daughter, Angela Wood-ruff, was also in court to listen to the proceedings.
Roy Mellor, chairman of the

magistrates' panel, ordered Dr Shipman to appear before the court on December 7 for committal proceedings to take place on three further murder charges.

He has been charged with murdering Winifred Mellor, 73. in May, German-born Bianka Pomfret, 49, in December last year and Joan Melia, also 73, in June this year. Dr Shipman, who is being

held on remand, said "no" when he was asked to indicate whether he would be pleading guilty to the forgery charges. The hearing came hours after the remains of Irene Turn-

er, 67, one of Dr Shipman's parients, who died two years ago, were dug up at Hyde cemetery in the presence of a priest. It was the seventh exhumation as police investigate the circumstances surrounding the deaths of up to 116 patients.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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fury on finding that his domi-

Boy dies of bonfire burns

A boy aged 11 who suffered 95 per cent burns in a Bonfire Night explosion has died. Allan Spiers of Law, Lanarkshire, was injured when a 45-gallon drum, which was thought to have contained diesel, blew up at an unsupervised bonfire. His parents, Anne and Lindsay, were with him when he died at Yorkhill Hospital, Glasgow.

Visa denied

Australia has turned down a visa request by the former secret service agent Richard Tomlinson, jailed last year for breaching the Official Secrets Act by sending an e-mail to a Sydney publisher.

Bishops move The Oueen has approved the

nomination of the Right Rev Timothy Stevens, Suffragan Bishop of Dunwich, as Bishop of Leicester. He will succeed the Right Rev Thomas Butler.

Cyber siblings

After 50 years of searching for his brother and two sisters, a man has found them in five minutes — on the Internet. Richard Steras, 71, of Hereford, was helped by his grandson using his home computer.

Priests bailed

Two Roman Catholic priests accused of sexually abusing a boy of 15 may be retried after a jury failed to reach verdicts. Anthony Smithwick. 41, and Philip Temple, 48, who deny

Toad haul

A first edition of The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame sold for £44,400 at Soth eby's in London. It had belonged to the late Edward Bissell, a reclusive book collector from Ashorne, Warwickshire.



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Hague rebukes Portillo in clash over euro policy

WILLIAM HAGUE moved to bring Michael Portillo into line over the single currency yesterday after claims that the former Defence Secretary was after his job.

The Tory leader telephoned Mr Portillo to rebut his crincism that the party was failing to take a sufficiently robust line in defending the pound. Mr Portillo's apparent attack provoked Michael Heseltine, the former Deputy Prime Minister, to suggest that he would run for the leadership after returning to Parliament.

Mr Hague pointed out that the Conservatives had a clear stance on the euro which had been backed by a ballot of nembers. And in what seems to have been a pointed rebuke, he told Mr Portillo that all Conservatives should be concentrating on attacking the "shambles" of the Government's policy on the single currency.

A source close to Mr Hague said: "We are giving a lead on the single currency. It is for others to follow and support that lead."Mr Hague's action in calling Mr Portillo prompted the former minister, who lost his seat at the election, to put out a statement declaring that Mr Hague had shown

Tory leader on the offensive as attack is seen as challenge to his leadership, writes

Philip Webster
bold leadership and had "clear

prime ministerial qualities".

Mr Portillo had written in The Daily Telegraph that the Tories should "provide leadership" over the single currency and that the party could become a credible force again only "by showing it has something to say".

Sources close to Mr Portillo said he had been taken aback to see his remarks presented as criticism.

Mr Heseltine told Radio 4's Today programme: "When Michael comes back there is going to be a concerted campaign in which newspapers like the Telegraph will play a significant part in order to replace Hague with Portillo. It's as clear as any political event in the future ever can be." Mr

Portillo's subsequent statement praising Mr Hague highlighted his leadership on Europe in particular. "He richly deserved the overwhelming victory he achieved in the recent ballot of party members.

"I am a strong supporter of all his policies, including those on Europe. It is only the Conservative Party which can provide leadership to the many groups which are pointing out the risks of entry to economic

and monetary union.
"William Hague's leadership on this will bring about
the revival of the party's fortunes and confirm his clear
prime ministerial qualities."
Mr Poroillo's statement did
not explicitly rule out a future
leadership challenge.

In his article Mr Portillo urged Mr Hague to "capitalise" on his victory in the euro ballot to lead the fight to save the pound. Mr Hague ruled out joining monetary union for the lifetime of the next Parliament. But the former Defence Secretary wrote that unless the Conservatives started showing leadership, opposition to the single currency would be "whittled away".

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The former MP Rod Richards celebrating being chosen as the Tory candidate for Welsh First Secretary yesterday

Tories steal a march in Wales

By Stmon de Bruxelles and Roland Watson

THE Conservatives yesterday chose their candidate to lead them into the elections to the Welsh assembly as Labour grappled with the dilemma of how to keep control of its plans for devolution.

Rod Richards, a former Tory MP, was selected to lead the party in Wales. Mr Richards beat law lecturer Nick Bourne, widely regarded as William Hague's first choice, by 3,873 votes to 2,798. Mr Richards, 51, was on the Select Committee for Welsh Affairs and Welsh Office Minister between 1994 and 1996 but resigned when an affair was made public.

In contrast, the resignation of Ron Davies and inability of

Alun Michael, the fledgling Welsh Secretary, to make an impression on opinion polls in Wales against Rhodri Morgan, the popular former front bench spokesman, has left the process for selecting Labour's candidate for the post of Welsh

until after May's elections, when the choice would be left to successful Labour candidates, giving Mr Michael time to build up his profile locally. It would also give him, as Tony Blair's preferred choice, the best platform from which to offer his potential backers

grass roots in Wales in febrile

First Secretary in disarray.

The decision may be shelved

to offer his potential backers jobs in the assembly and party advancement. But with the

mood and members bridling at London interference, one MP suggested the best boost would be for the Prime Minister to denounce him.

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Michael has been given to George Wright, the 63-year-old veteran Transport and General Workers' Union fixer and "godfather" figure in the Welsh Labour Party. Mr Morgan's popularity almost certainly means the contest will not be run on a one-member-one-vote basis. It could be left to the Welsh executive, but that is likely to he seen as too centralised, and would spark a revolt among party members

denied a say.

The frontrunner remains an

electoral college, the method by which Mr Davies was elected, giving a third of the votes each to MPs and assembly candidates, unions, and constitu-

Under such a scheme Mr Wright becomes a central figure. Welsh MPs believe he could deliver the five biggest unions for Mr Michael.

unions for Mr Michael.

The arguments for backing Mr Michael are likely to centre around the prospects of the Principality going penniless if the will of London is denied.

Mr Michael. Mr Morgan

and Wayne David, the MEP and third leadership contender, will meet the Welsh party executive again tomorrow to try to agree a way ahead.

Get rid of wigs as well, Irvine tells MPs

Bermu Sweep the old

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor yesterday defended his wish to be rid of his 17th-century ceremonial costume and suggested judges and lawyers would also be better off without wigs.

Lord Irvine of Lairg said that the rest of the country had discarded wigs at the end of the 18th century. "I have never thought that the quality of justice or the effectiveness of advocacy depended in the least upon what advocates wear."

Lawyers needed to be distinguished from everyone else in court but a gown and bands were "quite sufficient", he told the Horne Affairs committee. He said that when taking a Bill through the floor of the House. he should be allowed to discard his silk gown and wig, which was "very uncomfortable and weighs a ton".

But in an attempt to forestall opposition from traditionalist Tory peers, he insisted that he had no intention of tampering with the costume worn when sitting as Speaker on the Woolsack in the Lords. He told MPs that in his view, the "days of breeches, tights and buckled shoes" were over. "I have no objection on great occasions of state like the opening of Parliament." he said.

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Why the Blairites must debunk the Livingstone myth

KEN LIVINGSTONE is the wroog person to become mayor of London. He is disqualified both because of his record leading the old Greater London Council and because of the qualities needed for the new post. Labour leaders obviously agree, not wanting him in a position where he could challenge the Government.

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However, the leadership bas so far not confronted Mr Livingstone on these terms. It does not want to get into a "Ken versus the Blairites" dispute. The main focus now is procedural, Labour officials point out that narrowing down the

choice of candidates through interview has been used for all other

However, procedural devices are the wrong way to block Mr Livingstone. Of course, the party has the power to outmanoeuvre London activists, but this would be at the cost of much bitterness and splits. If the Blairites want to demonstrate that Labour has changed, they have to challenge the Living-

Mr Livingstone is one of the most engaging politicians, with a disarming candour and sure populist touch. He has managed to cre-

ate a rose-tinted picture of the GLC years, a mixture of cheap Tube fares, jolly japes and impudent challenge to Margaret Thatcher at ber most powerful, He became the People's Ken, a martyr of Thatcher-

His record in office was in reality much less successful. After the coup which established him as Labour leader in 1981. Mr Livingstone quickly epitomised the London loony Left. His squabbling regime was unpopular because of its grants to fringe groups, its big increases in rates and its gesture polities. The low fares campaign was

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

fiscally irresponsible and was eventually blocked in the courts.

As Tony Travers of the Greater London Group at the London School of Economics has pointed out, "it took Mrs Thatcher to restore Ken Livingstone's popularity. Her random and ill thoughthrough decision to abolish the GLC reversed its leader's popularity slump". Mr Livingstone and the GLC leadership depicted them-

selves as victims of Thatcherite oppression. The myth was born. Mr Livingstone's five-year rollercoaster in County Hall was partly

coaster in County Hall was partly because the old GLC had lost its way. What the Government has now proposed is very different. According to its White Paper last March, the elected mayor will run new transport and economic development bodies, work with a new Metropolitan Police authority to tackle crime, organise Londonwide action to improve the environment, oversee a new fire authority and be a voice for London in developing tourism, culture and sport.

What is needed is someone with a proven executive background to control a budget of more than £3.3 billion a year. and to sort the urgent problems of the London Underground, not a gesture politician, however charming. Tony Blair, who is playing the London issue very long, has personally pushed the idea of elected mayors

despite sceptical colleagues.
In America, the most successful mayors have proven themselves running organisations. They often come from outside the ranks of party politicians. Mr Blair is interested in a more independent figure of

this type, though the list of possible candidates with the right experience and public profile is not long. Bob Ayling is fully occupied with the problems of British Airways. Sir Paul Condon is tarnished by the Stephen Lawrence affair, the Blairites mistrust Richard Branson and Heather Rabbatts, Lambeth's feisty chief executive, is little known outside local authority cir-

cles.

But someone of this kind might not only be the best mayor but might also defeat Mr Livingstone.

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Bermuda's Left sweeps away the old order

THE 60,000 inhabitants of Britain's most populous remaining colony awoke yesterday with sore heads and squinted at the dawn rising on a whole new world.

It looked just like a normal day in paradise. The 200 islands, poking out of the tur-quoise Atlantic, 617 miles off North Carolina, were as lush as ever; the beaches as beautiful. But on Monday Bermudians went to the poils and elected a Labour Government for the first time in their history.

The victory was unexpected and suddenly the eyes of some of the richest men and wealthiest international companies in the world were turned to this outpost of Empire, wondering what the future holds for their offshore businesses.

The Progressive Labour Party (PLP), the party of most of the working-class black population, swept to power with 26 of the 40 seats in parliament.

THE tiny island of Bermuda, one

of the last remaining outposts

of the British Empire, is tha only

country in the world where Mc-

Donald's restaurants are

banned by law (Michael Dynes

But the island's 60,000 in-

habitants, and the 600,000

tourists who visit each year,

many of whom are rich Ameri-

cans in search of British nostal-

Some 600 miles from its

nearest neighbour, and closer

to Nova Scotia than the Carib-

bean, Bermuda has preserved

a bizarre colonial way of life that

has become extinct elsewhere.

shorts still greet each other in

the island's trusiness district in

still drive on the left, take tea at

four, cherish their red phone

boxes and refuse to switch to

metric weights and measures.

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cured streets and parks, and

fines for any male or female

who dares to display a naked

There are heavy fines for

the capital of Hamilton. They

Men in blazers and long

gia, clearly like it that way.

Island tax haven

spurns party of prosperity, writes Damian

Whitworth

The defeated United Bermuda Party (UBP) was left with just 4 seats

The UBP has dominated Government since party politics emerged in the 1960s. And although Pamela Gordon, the outgoing Premier, is black, the majority of its members are from the white population, many of them descendants of Britons who first arrived in Bermuda in the 17th century.

As hundreds of supporters of the Labour Party converged on parliament for the swearing-in of the new leader,

torso in public. Car hire firms

are also banned in an attempt

by the authorities to contain traf-

It has become a magnet for

the super rich and famous in

search of a quiet life in para-dise. Silvio Berlusconi, Italy's

disgraced media tycoon, Ross

Perot, the American billionaire,

and David Bowie, the British

pop star, all have houses in the

upmarket Tuckers Town district.

marinas are evidence that great

wealth resides on the shores of

the 21-mile long Island. It is es-

timated that 10 per cent of the

population owns 90 per cent of

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comes at \$36,000 a yeer are

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has quietly become the world's

third largest insurance market

after London and New York, writing \$20 billion (£12.5 billion)

worth of business every year.

But there are fears that the is-

land's financial future could be

undermined by the threat of in-

creased government regulation

from Britain.

The island's financial district

Affluent homes and packed

fic congestion.

LAST OUTPOST OF EMPIRE

Jennifer Smith, and her Cabinet, it was claimed that this was the end of centuries of minority rule. "We've finally got rid of the

oligarchy," whooped one woman, punching the air with her fist. Ms Smith said her party's victory heralded the arrival of "new" Bermuda. The PLP has transformed itself in "new" Labour style, moving to the Centre to capture middle-class votes on an island where the annual per capita income of \$36,000 (£22,000) is one of the highest in the world.

the political wilderness since its inception 35 years ago because the electorate failed to trust it on handling of the economy which is dependent on the offshore banking industry. particularly the insurance business. Ms Smith wooed the local and international community and was quick to thank them in her victory

The party had remained in

But the party played up to the feeling, especially among young Bermudians, that the incumbent Government was more interested in looking after those who base their businesses on the island than those who live there. 'They were for the people of Bermuda, but not the Bermudians," said Leon Stevens, a tradesman.

The issue of independence, which was once held dear by the Labour Party, was also carefully dropped. A referendum two years ago overwhelmingly rejected cutting ties with Britain. But some fear that the issue still simmers in the Labour Party and may resurface now that it has a commanding

One other vote-winner was the outcry that followed when the popular English Police Commissioner, Colin Coxall, was forced off the islands after a government minister was found to have links to suspected drugs dealers that the police had picked up.

As the victory parade wound its way yesterday from the residence of the Governor - Lord Waddington, the former Home Secretary - to parliament, Bermudians were



Jennifer Smith, the first Labour Prime Minister in the history of Bermuda

excited that the island, which limits cars to one per household and bans hire vehicles, almost had a traffic jam. Hundreds of people crowded the streets, shrugging off hangovers to get the party going

Amid a throng of drum-mers, women in hair-curlers danced happily and men cracked open cans of rum and ginger beer. "It's dark and stormy," said a reveller as he passed the drinks around.

Those looking on with concern will hope that that does not become the political outlook. Despite its famed beauty and reputation as a safe tourist destination. Bermuda has not been free of tension. In the 1970s race dominated politics and there were riots in 1972-3 and 1977.

One senior independent fig-

ure in Bermudian politics. who declined to be named. said that the issue of independence had not gone away. "It is still very much under the surface, but it is there and it will rise again, even though both parties made sure they didn't include it as part of their plat-

form," he said. The Royal Gazette, Bermuda's newspaper, said that the PLP had scored a stunning victory because voters were fed up with a divided UBP and felt that it was time for a change. The UBP campaign emphasis on the economy and on the dangers of a change in Governmeni was not enough to create a win. The UBP has literally

been crushed," the paper said. But it added that the new Government faced a big challenge in managing an economy which is attractive to foreign businesses because of the absence of income tax. "When the celebrating stops the PLP's big challenge will be to prove that it can manage the complex economy. It will have to prove that it will not drive out international companies, as has so often been predicted, or use taxation to divide the Bermudian people. It is not easy for any party to meet the very high expectations of Bermudians, the high standard of liv-

ing they take for granted." However, the paper urged support for the new Government. "To those powerful people who are distraught or angry at a sweeping PLP victory after some 35 years, let us simply say, give them a fair chance. This is Bermuda and the people have spoken."

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Dalai Lama asks China for talks

Washington: The Dalai Lama has ruled out any unilateral statement aimed at paving the way for negotiations with China unless his Tiberan government-in-exile can hold informal talks with Beijing first. The Tibetan spiritual leader spoke after a brief White House meeting with President Clinton, held despite a new warning from China that such a meeting would harm Chinese-American relations.

In a written statement, the Dalai Lama said: "I do not wish to make any unilateral statement without the opportunity of prior informal consultation with the Chinese leadership. I believe such consultation needs to take place in order to forestall misunderstanding," (AFP)

Mubarak in spy deal

Cairo: President Mubarak of Egypt has revealed that he had released a British spy imprisoned here a number of years ago but said he will not free the Israeli spy Azzam Azzam. The British spy was released after a surprise visit here following the 1991 Gulf War by John Major, then Prime Minister. Mr Mu-barak did not disclose the spy's identity. Egypt said it rejected a US request to free Azzam, who has served more than a year of his 15-year prison term with hard labour. (AFP)

Abacha's loot returned

Abuja: The family of General Sani Abacha, the late dictator of Nigeria, has handed back to the Government more than \$750 million in state funds illegally amassed by the former leader, a government spokesman said. The money has been deposited at the Central Bank of Nigeria. Mohammed Haruna told reporters. During his five-year dictatorship, Abacha diverted hundreds of millions of dollars in government funds into his personal accounts. (AP)

Club Med siege ends

Paris: A group of around 290 tourists have flown back to France after being held hostage for three days by striking workers at a Club Med resort on the Caribbean island of Martinique. The holidaymakers were trapped inside their village complex last Thursday and were only rescued on Sunday night when police in riot gear were called in to break through the picket line. Club Med said in a statement that the holiday village would remain closed until further notice. (Reuters)

Strangers again

Sydney: A couple who woold the world when they met and married on the same day for a radio promotion have split up two months after their lavish ceremony. Leif Bunyan, 22, and Glenn Emerson, 24, were taken to Paris for a honeymoon with prizes and sponsorships worth A\$100,000 (£40,000). They were also flown to London after British and Australian newspapers featured them on their front pages in stories dubbed "Two Strangers and A Wedding". (AFP)

Growing pains

Amsterdam: Dutch farmers whose slow-growing cucumbers have been causing them headaches may have found a solution - aspirin. For the cucumbers, that is. Scientists with the Dutch research institute TNO have discovered that feeding aspirin to cucumber plants helps prevent thickening of the root walls, enabling the plants to absorb water and minerals more easily. No trace of the aspirin, which was fed to plants in a solution, was found in the cucumbers themselves. (AP)

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New leader breaks with tradition

BY NEIL ROBERTS

BERMUDA's new Prime Minister, Jennifer Smith, has the distinction of toppling one of the world's longest-serving governments.

At the age of 51, she becomes Bermuda's second woman leader, replacing Pamela Gor-don, the charismatic and

Both women were new leaders of their parties when they came to the fore a little over two years ago.

younger United Bermuda Party leader, ousted in Monday's election. It was the first time the UBP had lost an election since Bermuda's parliamentary system was introduced in

Ms Smith has a distinctive

WOMAN IN THE NEWS

style. She hardly speaks to the media except through arranged press conferences, campaigned hard on her platform for a "new Bermuda" and promised to boost the number of Bermudians in senior jobs, limiting opportunities for expatriate workers.

The UBP, even with many black Cabinet ministers, has never truly been seen as a friend of black people's interests. The Progressive Labour Party has always appealed to the black working class. It has come close to power before, losing by just four seats in 1980

But now it can also count on

the black middle-class vote, having made promises of better opportunities for Bermudi-

ans and lower cost housing on a 22-square-mile island where property commands high The worry for middle-class white Bermudians, traditionally UBP voters, is that the new Government and the personal style of Ms Smith, a single

woman, could drive away international business. Finance and tourism are the two main pillars of Bermuda's economy. The island, despite its tiny size, is one of the world's leading sellers of rein-

surance. It is also home to doz-

ens of international accountancy. banking and insurance

Bermuda's new leader pledged there would be no exodus of business and insisted that the island would not lose its distinctive charm under her Both Ms Smith and Ms Gor-

don appealed to the young, but it was Ms Smith who won their votes, despite the charisma and beauty of her rival, a half-sister to Moira Stewart, the BBC newsreader. Ms Gordon was naturally seen as the ally of Bermuda's business community. This year, she completed her degree in business studies from Queens Uni-versity in Ontario. Ms Smith worked her way up the party.

Briton gets Family out of jail claim for in dustbin first US FROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

SPANISH police on the holiday island of Majorca were yesterday hunting for a member of a British gang allegedly involved in drug-smuggling who escaped from prison con-

cealed in a rubbish bin. Police said that Paul Heath, 30, escaped from a prison in Palma, the island's capital, on Sunday night. He had hidden inside one of the rubbish containers that are taken out of the prison every night and left in the street.

Heath was being held on remand while he awaited trial on charges of trafficking in the drug ecstasy. Police said he was the number two man in a British gang that controlled 70 per cent of the market for ecstasy on the island. Police said Heath had been caught redhanded as he picked up more than 1,000 ecstasy tablets in April. He was due to go on tri-

Local newspapers in Majorca yesterday published pho-tographs of Heath on their front pages as police appealed for help in tracking him down before he can flee the island. They said he was desperate, but not dangerous. The prison yesterday announced an inquiry into his escape.



EVEN George Washington, America's first President, stands accused of having an "inappropriate relationship". An Illinois woman named Janet Allen yesterday renewed her claim that she is descended from Washington and a slave on his brother's plantation, named Venus.

Ms Allen hopes that recent genetic tests suggesting that Thomas Jefferson fathered a child with his slave, Sally Hemmings, will help her lo prove her presidential lineage. "We're trying to prove who we are," she told a Chicago newspaper. "This is where the battle lines are drawn." The Mount Vernon Ladies'

Association, which manages

Washington's estate, has denied Ms Allen access to samal in a few months. ples of Washington's hair that might solve the puzzle through DNA analysis. The estate's researchers have confirmed that Ms Allen's slave ancestors played an important role in Washington's family, but they dispute



Washington: accused of inappropriate relations

her claim. Based on oral tradition, the Allen family claims that Washington probably met Verus in 1784 when he went to comfort his brother's family after the death of a nephew. Washingtoo's brother. John Augustine Washington, wrote at the time asking George to visit, although there is no record of whether the trip took place.

At some point over the oext two years. Venus gave birth to mulatto son named West Ford, Ms Allen's great-greatgreat-grandfather. Mr Ford moved to Washington's estate at Mount Vernon. Virginia. where Washington's wife, Martha, died in 1802. Washington himself had passed away three years earlier. Scholars argue that America's founding father was sterile,

and therefore incapable of

fathering Ford.

Theologian dismissed by Vatican

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS

THE Vatican was accused vesterday of hypocrisy after it or-dered the dismissal of a dissident Roman Catholic theologian from Milan's main Cathobe university after he called into question the existence of Hell and challenged Church authority and teaching on sexual morality.

The removal of Luigi Lom-bardo Vallauri from the chair of philosophy of law at the Catholic University of the Sa-cred Heart has led to charges of inconsistency as the Pope prepares to apologise for the excesses of the Church during the Inquisition.

The Rome daily La Repubblica described Professor Vallauri as "one of the most original thinkers of our time" and said he had been subjected to a secret trial by Cardinal Pio Laghi, the prefect of the Pontifical Congregation for Catholic Education. This was a trial worthy of another era," said an article headlined "The New Inquisitors".

Professor Vallauri said: "I do not know exactly what the charges against me are. In a letter, they were indicated to me in general terms: doctrine on Hell, original sin, authority of the reaching of the Church. sexual morality."

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reborn as museum

By ROGER BOYES

THE only surviving synagogue near the Nazi death camp of Ausch-witz was reopened yesterday and will become the centre of a Jewish religious and cultural institute.
The opening coincides with the

60th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken Glass". which saw the destruction of hundreds of German and Austrian synagogues. That night of arson and looting is regarded as the critical step on the road to the Holocaust.

Until recently the synagogue in the southern Polish town of Oswieeim, the Polish name for Auschwitz, was used as a carpet store. The New York-based Auschwitz Jewish Centre Foundation wants to make the synagogue part of a museum illustrating Jewish life in a place which has become a synonym for the death of Jews.

Fred Schwartz, the president of the foundation, said the project costing between \$5 million (£3 million) and \$10 million was supported by the governments and religious leaders of all faiths in Poland and the United States.

Auschwitz Synagogue Cold and hunger drive Russians from villages

AS RUSSIAN and European Union officials worked out the details of a multimillion-pound aid package to help Russia through the winter, re-ports emerged yesterday that hun-dreds of inhabitants of remote villages in the far north of the country were abandoning their homes in search of

food and fuel. In the far eastern port of Vladivos-tok, local authorities closed schools and day-care centres yesterday be-cause there was no heating. The Vladivostok energy supplier said it was unable to buy fuel or repair pipe-lines because the city had not paid its

Russian officials now acknowledge that there is a desperate need for humanitarian aid from abroad to help people in the worst hit regions get through the winter. Last week Russia signed an agreement with the United States for the supply of 3.1 million tonnes of food, including grain, pork and beef worth \$625 million (£375

Yesterday Gennadi Kulik, a Deputy Prime Minister, told the Interfax news agency that there were plans to buy £260 million worth of food from the EU, which would be resold on the domestic market and the profits used

Western officials are scrambling to finalise aid package as fears of a winter famine grow, writes Robin Lodge in Moscow

to fund social programmes. In addition, he said, the EU could provide humanitarian aid worth up to £7.8 million. EU officials said last month that Russia had requested food aid during a visit to Moscow by Jacques Santer, the European Commission

But the Russians later denied that any such request had been made and many officials have insisted that Russia can deal with the problem itself. The Russian economic crisis, coupled with a disastrous harvest - down nearly 50 per cent on 1997 - and falling food imports, have raised serious

concerns that many parts of the country will face catastrophic shortages during the winter months. Hundreds of thousands of people are already having difficulties finding enough to eat and some officials have express fears of famine breaking out in the more remote regions.

In Chukotka, the north-eastern tip of the country across the Bering Straits from Alaska, Aleksandr Tryapitsy, the deputy governor of the region, told Russian television that the authorities had begun evacuating hundreds of people from the Arctic town of Cape Schmidt, a mining cen-

General demoted to private

Chechnya yesterday demoted the warford Salman Raduyev from brigadier general to private after he was convicted of attempting a coup, news reports said. As brigadier gen-

ner class of economy

Moscow: President Maskhadov of eral Raduvey was a field commander in the 1994-96 war with Russia for independence. He had been demanding Mr Maskhadov's resigna-tion and was tried in absentia for the coup attempt. (AP)

tre that relies entirely on federal subsi-dies for its food and fuel supplies. Conditions in Chukotka are particularly harsh, with the winter lasting nine months of the year and temperatures plummeting to minus SSC (minus (minus 67F).

The problem is made worse by poor distribution and bureaucracy, which often leads to food supplies being held up for days or weeks at railway junctions. Aid distribution is fre-quently hampered by customs offi-cials and there have been accusations levelled in the past against the West of attempting to off-load substandard food and out-of-date medicines on Russia. The International Red Cross. the main non-governmental organisation dealing with aid to Russia, is at-tempting to raise £11 million in an emergency winter appeal for Russia and the former Soviet republics of Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova.

☐ Tallinn: Estonian authorities yesterday turned off the water supply to the Russian border city of Ivangorod because it had not paid its water bill. Officials in the Estonian city of Narva, where the region's main water utility is located, said that Ivangorod had failed to pay water bills of more than \$1 million. (AP)



Elderly visitors arrive to inspect the new memorial to the millions of victims of Stalin's repression. Situated in a park on Krymskaya Embankment in Moscow, the monument was opened to the public yesterday

Root and branch appraisal of Paris

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

ALL the trees in Paris are to be fitted with invisible electronic "collars" to enable the city's park keepers to identify the specific type, age and infirmi-ties of each one at the push of a

About 30,000 trees have already been fitted with the electronic tags, and a further 60,000 will be similarly marked in the coming year at a cost of Fr3.5 million (£350,000).

The tags are inserted into the trunk without causing any masked with wood-coloured filler. The badge can be read. using a hand-held electronic device, at a distance of around a foot. Paris city authorities say the

plan will ensure accurate monitoring of diseases in the tree population, and may belp to combat a major invasion by termites which has already affected about 1,300 trees. Paris is one of the most

densely wooded cities in Europe and the municipal foresters have often found it hard to track diseases and organise replanting programmes.

The new system, based on the electronic tagging system for livestock, will distinguish each tree from its neighbour by accessing a computer data-bank with details of age, species, pruning history and any remedial treatment that might be required.

Plans to paint a number on each tree were rejected as un-sightly, while nailing a badge to each trunk was also deemed unsuitable as it could harm the trees and would be liable to removal by vandals.



Amidror: says lyrics of peace songs are a lie

General attacks songs of peace

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

AN Israeli general who once provoked a storm by claiming that non-Orthodox Jews were not true members of the faith sparked a new furore yesterday by trying to censor peace songs in the military.

Major-General Yaacov Amidror, the first Orthodox Jew to serve on the General Staff, launched his attack on the songs at a closed seminar last month. The attack only came to light yesterday.

In The Last War, a soldier who fought in the 1973 Yom Kippur campaign promises his daughter there will be no more wars with the Arabs. The other lyric, Winter 73, is about parents' peace promises unfulfilled.

The general described the lyrics as "a lie", prompting fu-rious criticism from the Left and from Yitzhak Mordechai, the Defence Minister. Mr Mordechai, a former senior officer, is known to be particula-rily fond of Winter '73.

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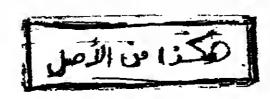
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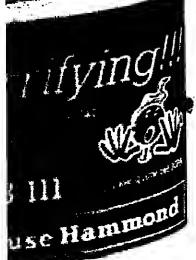
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SAS carried out Serbia raid

War crimes suspect seized at mountain hideout, writes Tom Walker

WESTERN diplomatic sources confirmed that a war crimes suspect arrested in Bosnia in September was actually seized by SAS Loops inside Serbia. The regiment's most daring snatch operation to date sent a clear warning to President Milosevie that his country was no longer a haven for those wanted for trial in The Hague.

Stevan Todorovic, indicted for a string of alleged crimes against Muslims and Croats in 1992, was handed by Nato to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia on September 27. The information given by the Nato-led Stabilisation Force in Sarajevo was that he had been arrested by Astronoma troups in northern Bosnia. Soon afterwards, the Serbian press quoted family members as saying that Mr Todorovic had been seized from a log cabin in the remote mountain region of Ziatibor in western Serbia. about 50 miles from the Drina river border with Bosnia.

Despite denials by Nato the story persisted. American sources in Serbia admitted that their elite Delta units were involved in an operation that had crossed the Drina. Now another Western source has disclosed that the SAS had penetrated the mist-shrouded plateau of Zlatibor.
"It was a classic mission.

They will never admit it themselves, but it will probably come out in a book someday," said the source. "It's no bad thing that people know this was the work of the SAS. It's a deliberate frightener for Mile sevic — that's policy now." Several of those wanted in

The Hague for crimes committed in Bosnia are believed to live in Serbia. They include General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military commander held responsible for the Srebrenica massacre. Some observers believe the Zlatibor raid was a trial run.

Angry relatives of Mr Todorovic told The Times that the former policeman was dragged from his cabin, gagged, blindfolded and beaten, before being bundled into a black sta-



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Stevan Todorovic, centre, snatched by the SAS from Serbia for war crimes, seen singing at a private party in the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale

tion wagon and driven across

Mr Todorovic, 41, has told his sister by phone from The Hague that the snatch team stopped several times on the way to the border, probably to change the vehicle's registration plates. He was then smuggled across in a dinghy, before being flown in an American helicopter to Tuzla in the Muslim Croat lederation, and then to the Dutch capital. In Turla, he claims a US officer told him: "So, you thought you were safe over there, did you?"

Belgrade has consistently refused to co-operate with The Hague tribunal, and last week denied a visa to Louise Arbour, its chief prosecutor, who wanted to visit Kosovo. Mr Todorovic's relatives said

they had helped to shelter him after SAS units based in Republika Srpska began a crackdown on suspected war criminals, killing one suspect and arresting another in Prijedor. The

fugitive's cabin was decorated with Orthodox religious icons and calendars of girls and sports cars. Two gaudy ties hung on a hatstand and a broken television served as a bedside table. The cabin, at

months of the year. Relatives also said the masked men who seized him spoke with accents from Belgrade and northern Serbia, and claimed the cabin had been staked out for several days, during which Mr To-3,000ft, is snowbound for three dorovic's identity papers had



been stolen from a car. We loved him and looked after him," one said. "How can any

of us feel safe here after this?" An elderly man who lives next to Mr Todorovic's cabin said he had fought in the Second World War with Fitzroy Maclean, the British agent who was parachuted into Serbia to help Tito's partisans. "How could former allies do The Western source said:

"The guys are getting very good, and they've got a list of options in Yugoslavia. Many of them now speak fluent Serbian and they know the ground pretty well."
Mr Todorovic, who worked

in the northern Bosnian town of Bosanski Samac, faces charges of murder, rape and torture.

Paris: A dozen retired French soldiers held a public demonstration of support yes-terday for a senior pro-Serbian French officer arrested last week for spying for Bel-grade. The army backs the Serbs. Release Major Bunel," said a banner unfurled by the group outside the Defence

Army Major Pierre Bunel, 46, was held for allegedly handing Nato's Kosovo air strike plans to agents from Bel-grade last month. He faces IS years in jail if convicted of handing intelligence to a tor-eign power. The demonstrators said in a leaflet that by acting "to protect the Serbs, our

country's unfailing ally through two of this century's greatest trials, Major Bunel re-mained faithful to the history of France. He betrayed only fleeting political manoeuvres.

France last week played down his alleged treason, with Alain Richard, the Defence Minister, saying the alliance's Kosovo airstrike plans were never at risk from the data Maior Bunel handed Belgrade. (AFP)

Schröder gives Germany a new Centre

he German Chancel-lor, Gerhard Schrö der, yesterday proder, yesterday pro-claimed a "Republic of the new Centre" in an inaugural speech as national leader which tried to wrest the government initiative away from Oskar Lafontaine, his powerful rival and Finance

The Christian Democratic opposition was oot convinced. Wolfgang Schauble, the freshly minted party leader, said the speech was devoid of substance. "I did not detect anything of the new Centre in your speech but plenty of old Left phrases and a great deal of muddled

Observers said the speech lacked the impact of Willy Brandt's inaugural speech in which he promised to strive for more democracy and open up to the East and in its sheer indigestible length obscured the central message which was that Ger-many had to find the strength to modernise and equip itself for global compe-

The Chancellor was evidently forn between seeking to lower popular expectations of radical reform - he wants personally to dictate the pace of change — and wanting to give a distinctive shape to Germany's first Social Democrat-Green Government. Above all, the Chancellor was determined to show that he, and oot Herr Lafontaine, will set the

tone of leadership. To that end, he held out a peace offering to the Bundes-bank which bas been battered over the past formight by demands from Herr Lafontaine to lower interest rates, "The independence of the Bundesbank and the European Central Bank will be respected and protected," he said. He agreed with his Finance Minister that co-ordinated international action was needed to calm the financial markets. That, in turn, suggested a

need for closer political inte-gration within Europe. "Because of the global financial crisis we must ensure that Europe speaks with one

Roger Boyes hears the new Chancellor set the tone for his leadership

voice." Germany takes over the European presidency in January and it will therefore be at the helm when the euro is introduced.

No shade of Herr Schrö der's scepticism about the euro remains. He oo longer demands that it be as hard as the mark but he insists on stability. "The common currency must be a success. That means it must be, and must remain, stable," he said. "We will not question the stability orientation of European monetary policy." The Government's Europe

an ageoda is clear. Herr Schröder wants — as a populist gesture to show he will not be bullied on foreign policy issues - to cut Germany's payments to the EU. "In the context of the oew organisation of European Union financing, we want to see greater fairness in terms of contributions and to reduce Germany's net contributions in a fair way," he said, earning a rare burst of applause.

rmany is by far the

biggest net contribu-tor to the European budget. The Chancellor did not, however, press in his speech for big structural re-form, but he is known to be sceptical about the workings of the common agricultural policy. The German Government has lost, with the displacement of the Bavarian Christian Social Union, its main farmers' lobby. It is therefore freer to act than the Kohl Government. Herr Schröder indicated in Warsaw last week that European agricultural policy would have to be overhauled before Poland and other central European countries are admitted. Reference to a German-French-British triangle have also been dropped.

Executioners clear Iraqi jails US sends

By MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAQ is solving the problem of overcrowded jails by execut-ing up to 100 political prisoners a month in a "prison cleansing campaign", overseen by President Saddam Hussein's younger son. Qusay. Three Egyptians accused of "supplying information to an enemy country" were among 125 prisoners exe-cuted in October, said the Iraqi Communist Party, one of the more reliable opposition groups. It listed the executed prisoners, which included 29 military men.

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"The military people are shot by firing squad, the civil-ians are hanged," said Kawa Rashid, a spokesman for the group. "New prisoners are coming in all the time and Saddam doesn't want to free the old ones because he sees them as enemies, so they are

carrier to boost Gulf fleet

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THE United States ordered a second aircraft carrier to speed to the Gulf yesterday, as well as deploying a second group of amphibious assault ships, William Cohen, the De-fence Secretary, said.

Time is running out," for Iraq to comply with United Nations arms inspectors, he said, although he added that no decision had been made about whether to launch strikes.

As the Clinton Administration weighed its narrowing options, a new CIA report said President Saddam Hussein's regime has "the capability to quickly resurrect weapons of mass destruction production" once inspecdons ceased. The report was prepared before Iraq's October 31 declaration that it would suspend even grudging co-opera-tion with UN inspectors. The accelerated departure of

the Enterprise comes after an accident on board during training in the Atlantic on Sunday night, when two jets crashed leaving one airman dead and three others presumed dead. According to USA Today, which visited the ship last

month to look at the impact of budget cuts imposed by Congress, Enterprise is understaffed and under-equipped. The rising tension has

raised speculation that President Clinton may curtail or cancel a ten-day trip beginning on Saturday to Malaysia, Japan, South Korea and Guarn. But the President, who yesterday again met Pentagon officials to discuss options for response, "has made no deci-sion". Mr Cohen said.

James Rubin, the State Department spokesman, rejected suggestions that the US was alone in its desire to punish Iraq for non-compliance. "We don't feel lonely," he said.

Mr Cohen emphasised yesterday that he felt the credibility of the US and the UN was on the line. "Diplomacy always should have every opportunity to dance. But a dance has a beginning and an end. This can't go on forever."

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Creek squabble

stirs up India border tension

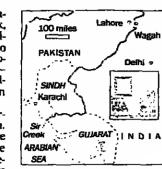
TALKS between India and Pakistan on a disputed creek, which is short, narrow, shallow, unnavigable and of no commercial value, have broken down acrimoniously - the final proof, if it were needed, that the old enemies can agree on nothing.

They also disagreed yesterday on economic co-operation. There is almost no commerce between them. despite the enormous potential. A less restrictive border would produce an immediate annual trade of \$1 billion (£625 million), according to estimates by both sides. Instead, they exchange tittle more than the occasionat batch of wheat or sugar.

The disputed waterway is known as Sir Creek, and demarcates part of the border between the western Indian state of Gujarat and Sindh province in Pakistan. Almost 90 years ago, an argument over a pile of firewood lying on the banks started a dispute that was taken up by the then rulers of the provinces of Kutch and Sindh. the latter of which is now part of Pakistan, That conflict has become the basis of a public wrangle between two nuclear

powers.

The sceming pettiness of the dispute is justified by both



sides on the ground that the outcome would set a precedent for much larger questions of marinne boundary disputes The breakdown of the talks was hardly a surprise: every area of dispute the two sides have discussed in official talks in Delhi since last week has generally ended in stalemate and recrimination.

Efforts to disengage from the Siachen Glacier in the Himalayas, where the two countries fight a pointless war for control of uninhabitable and strategically useless mountain-tops, collapsed amid bitter words on both sides last

The 20-mile Sir Creek was recognised in the early 1900s as the boundary between Kutch and Sindh. The then rul-

ers of Kutch and Sindh took the matter of the firewood seriously and referred it to high authorities in Bombay to arbi-

In 19t4 the Government of India issued a resolution acceptable to both sides, resulting in the production of Map No B44. In it, a green line de-noting the boundary was marked on the eastern bank customary in British times, when rivers and creeks were never divided down the mid-dle as a matter of policy be-cause of the trouble it invaria-

Pakistan says the map places the creek in its territory; In-dia says the green line was not a boundary but a "riband," a symbolic line, since rivers and creeks should be divided down the middle. Pakistan called for third-party arbitration to settle the issue but India, which never permits outside involvement in its disputes with the 1slamic state, refused.

Nothing, it seems, is capable of easing cross-border tensions: even plans to open a bus route through the only official land crossing between both countries, at Wagah in Puniab, have come to nothing because of bureaucratic inertia and lack of poliocal will.



A VIGILANTE in Indonesia's civilian security forces attacks a suspected student protester approaching the parlia-ment building in Jakarta, where more than 5.000 students staged a demonstration yesterday. Similar protests were reported in at least six

Indonesia protesters curbed

other cities as legislators opened a special meeting in the capital to prepare for elec-tions in 1999. The students converged on the parliament but found their route blocked

by soldiers and police. The standoff lasted for nearly four hours, but no serious violence was reported. The protesters said the parliamentary

cials to ensure that Mr Anwar's

accusers withdrew the allega-

in for questioning in August last year after she accused Mr An-

war of having sex with his driv-

er and her sister-in-law, the wife

of Mr Anwar's private secretary

at the time. For eight hours, she

was subjected to police interro-

gation during which she was

threatened that she could be

charged under the country's dra-

conian Internal Security Act.

Ummi Hafilda Ali was taken

product of unfair elections held under former President Snharto, ousted on May 21. They said the presidency of B. J. Habibie, who took over, was also unconstitutional because the transfer was not car-

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her accusations, contained in a

letter written to Dr Mahathir.

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isfy his boss, Special Branch chief Mohamed Said Awang.

Special Branch police also had to frighten Mr Azizanio get

him to retract allegations that

he had homosexual relations

journed on Saturday, three days before a summit of the

18-nation Asia-Pacific Econom-

ic Co-operation forum. (AFP)

The trial is due to be ad-

with Mr Anwar.

It took Mr Abdul Aziz sever-

Scores held as China targets churches

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BEIJING

CHINESE police have detained more than 140 Christian worshippers and beaten up some of their leaders in a new crackdown on underground Protestant churches, the New York-based Human Rights in China said in a lener

released yesterday.
The Christians were arrested at meetings in underground or house-churches at two venues in central Henan province on October 26 and November 5, the letter from a church campaigner revealed. ti alleged that police "cruelly

bear" at least 13 people identified as church leaders. Their whereabouts are currently unknown, the letter written by David Zhang, an unofficial spokesman for China's housechurches, said.

A police official in Wugang county, where 40 arrests were made earlier, said the authorities moved to ban an illegal meeting and took into custody those who resisted. The official claimed that some of the churchgoers shot at the officers with home-made rifles. and that those involved came from 16 Chinese provinces.

The Religious Affairs Bureau, a Chinese Communist Party organisation which monitors religious activity, refused to comment. Officials in Nanyang, where arrests were also made, remained tight-lipped.

The letter said that on the night of October 26 police surrounded worshippers gather-ing in a village outside Wugang and in a sudden raid took away II church leaders. Ten days later, 60 miles away in Nanyang, police broke up a house-church service and arrested more than 100 people.

In his letter, Mr Zhang predicted that in the next two months there will be greater religious persecution in China.

Political observers here said that despite a willingness on the part of China's leaders to discuss the issue of religious tolerance with leaders such as President Clinton and Mary Robinson, the United Nations Human Rights chief, intimida-tion of Christians continues.

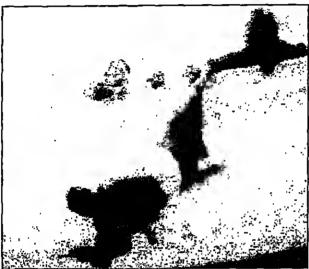
Suicide woman dies after botched rescue

Bangkok: A Thai woman fell to her death from a five-storey building after a police officer trying to talk her out of suicide made a sudden, failed bid to grab and rescue her.

Police in Hat Yai, 590 miles south of Bangkok, came un-der criticism yesterday for the botched rescue, which was seen by millions of Thais on

No nets were spread under Sripraphai Cheoyphiew, 25, during the five hour standoff on Monday and no ambulance had been placed on standby. Ms Sripraphai was reportedly depressed after ber Malaysian boyfriend left her. She stood on the roof of her building during the ordeal as a plainclothes officer negotiated with her. At one point, he tried to grab her. In the video, she appeared startled and fell off the ledge.

The officer clutched at her skirt and held on for about five seconds as she scrabbled to find a handhold. But the skirt tore away and she fell, dying two hours later from inter-



Police 'bullied' Anwar foes police bullied two people into retracting sex charges against Anwar Ibrahim, the ousted Deputy Prime Minister, a court was told yesterday. Mr Anwar is being tried on four corruption charges alleging that he used his position to quash the police investigation into the sex accusations. The former protégé of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, has denied the charges, maintaining that

The victim hangs by her skirt seconds before her fall

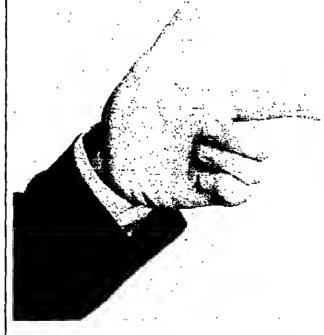
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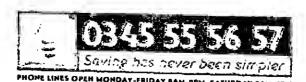
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villages have, in some cases. been without food and drink-Chris ing water for almost two Trees, and beaten The aid is coming in. The problem has been getting it where it needs to go," said Human Fatching Reter Helen Austin, from Wirral, Cheshire, who is the headmistress of a school in La Ceiba,



Relief officials delighted at efforts by governments and private groups, David Adams reports from Tegucigalpa

on the north coast, where relief supplies are being packaged by students whose classes have been suspended since Hurricane Mitch struck II days ago.

Delighted relief officials say they are overwhelmed by the international support Honduras has received, not only from

governments, but also from numerous independent development organisations, private charities and religious

The US has so far agreed to provide \$70 million (£43.7 million) in short-term humanitari-an relief. The British Govern-ment has donated £250,000 in

bilateral aid, which is being channelled through local development groups, as well as another £800,000 towards the larger European Union effort.

Help at last for hurricane victims

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Britain, France and Germany are also leading the debate over a moratorium on Honduras' \$4 billion foreign debt. In response to the impressive strides taken by Honduran governments in recent years to control spending and introduce democratic reforms, the Europeans are leaning towards a generous approach to the country's debt burden, possibly even writing off its \$1.8 billion debt with EU mem-

bers. On the ground, the Brit-ish contribution is being spear-headed by Royal Navy vessels, HMS Sheffield, HMS Ocean and HMS Tristram - accompanied by 600 Royal Marine commandos. To prolong their presence, the crews of all three

ships are on strict rations. Yesterday HMS Sheffield was anchored outside the port of Puerto Castillo on the north coast as navy search and rescue teams were deployed on inflatable craft up the Aguan River, where extensive flooding has left many communities isolated. HMS Tristram and HMS Ocean, with eight helicopters on board, are active in the Mostuito Coast region on the border of Nicaragua and Honduras.

They have found very serious problems with lots of very sick people, children especially, suffering from diarrhoea and skin infections," said David Osborne, the British Ambassador to Honduras. Although there was little loss of life in the region, crops were ruined in many villages, leaving them

without food for months. As the recovery effort moves into a long-term reconstruction phase, local officials say the country will need as much as \$2 billion to repair its roads. bridges, water mains, electricity and telephones. Aid officials say privately that the Honduran Government is at a loss as to where to begin. They understand now what's hit them, but they have no idea how to deal with it," said one official. ☐ The Central America Hurricane Appeal is collecting donations for victims of the disaster. The credit card donation line is (0870) 6060 900. Cheques, made payable to The DEC Hurricane Appeal, can be sent to The DEC Hurri-

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Debt aid for Mitch victims agreed

By JANET BUSH ECONOMICS EDITOR

BRITAIN and France committed £10 million each to a new trust fund yesterday designed to help Honduras and Nicaragua to service their debts as they begin to rebuild from the devasta-

tion of Hurricane Mitch. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and Dominique Strauss-Kahn. France's Economy and Finance Minister, also called on the Paris Club of international creditors to agree on a moratorium of all official bilateral debt.

Even if the Paris Clob were to agree on it, the crisis countries would still have to service debts to multilateral institutions such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank and the trust fund is designed to dn this for them.

M Strauss-Kahn went fur-ther than Mr Brown yesterday, promising that France would cancel all the debt owed to it by Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. It is believed to account for 2 per cent of Nicara-gua's \$6.1 billion (£3.7 billion) foreign debt and 2 per cent of Honduras's £4.1 billion.

Britain is c.ved small amounts, £900,000 by Nicaragua and £300.000 by Honduras. However, British officials said the Government opposed debt can-cellation on principle, saying that only by remaining a creditor could Britain ex-ert influence on developing countries to pursue sensible economic policies.

Mr Brown also called yesterday for reducing the timetable for these countries to qualify for relief under the IMF and World Bank's Heavily Indebted Poor Country Initiative, His plan would give Nicaragua some debt relief by 2001 in-stead of 2002. Honduras could not expect any relief for five to six years, even un-der Mr Brown's proposal.

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EU wrangles over funds for human rights

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

SENIOR European Union officials met last night to chart a way out of a management mess which has brought havoc to Europe's £70 milliona-year spending on human rights and threatened the existence of hundreds of projects funded by the EU to strengthen new democracies.

AS ANOTHER large United State uid delegation flew into

Honduras yesterday, led by Tipper Gore, the wife of Vice-

President Al Gore, relief offi-

cials here said they are seeing

signs of progress as supplies

have begun to reach even the

most inaccessible areas where

Under fire from international orbanisations, the European Parliament and the EU's financial watchdogs, the Commission war a the Union's member governments to back the creation of a new European human rights agency. However, the critics want immediate action to ensure that millions of pounds of frozen funds reach needy projects around the world.

Spending has become snarled in a bureaucratic turf war and legal wrangling over who allocates and manages money going to projects that range from helping torture victims to training judges in Poland and promoting democracy in Africa an . elsewhere.

Jacques Santer, the Commis-sion President, has been stung into action by an outery from non-governmental organisations and a damning report from the EU Court of Auditors which accused the Brussels executive of "failing in its responadministered rights spending. In a tetter to Mr Santer, the International Human Rights Federation, Amnesty International and three other world organisations said "the consequences for many hundreds of projects based all over the world are extremely grave".

A group of eminent advo-cates, including Mary Robin-son, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, last month questioned the EU's commitment, saying that its approach to human rights "tends to be splintered. lacks leadership and is marginalised in policy-making".

At the centre of the row is the Commission's decision to end its contract with the Brussels-based European Human Rights foundation, which has been running EU projects and had been due to take over the bulk of the management under the EU's rights and democracy programme. The Com-mission has now cancelled its arrangement on the grounds that there was no legal basis for funding the foundation's

The critics say the real motive is the Commission's desire to keep control and apply political criteria, sending money to big government bodies at the expense of funding hundreds sibility" and resorting to of small projects of the type fav-shady accounting in the way it oured by the foundation.



A picture released yesterday showing Chinese personnel on structures erected on a disputed reef in the South China Sea. The Philippines Navy was ordered yesterday to block any further entry of Chinese vessels to Mischief Reef. President Estrada also ordered increased aerial patrols over the reef to support the naval

Manila reinforces blockade

blockade but his spokesman denied Manila was gearing up for a military confrontation. The spokesman said the action was "to discourage Chinese fishing vessels' entry in that particular area" and emphasised Ma-

nila's position of solving the dispute diplomatically. The Philippines last week lodged a strong diplomatic protest, accusing China of engaging in a large-scale expansion of permanent structures it already erected on the

Philippines-claimed reef. Manila of-ficials said this was in violation of a "code of conduct" signed by the two nations to avoid taking further ac-tions in the Sprattys, including Mis-chief Reef. The Philippines said there were indications the expanded structures could be used for military purposes. (AFP)

Greenhouse gas treaty 'doomed by soaring American pollution'

ment and is attending as an observer.

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ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT IN BUENOS AIRES

AN INTERNATIONAL treaty to fight global warming is already doomed be-cause the United States will never meet its targets on reducing emissions, the American architect of the treaty claimed

Robert Reinstein, the State Department's negotiator at the Rio conference in 1992 which adopted the Climate Change Convention, said the latest analysis of America's greenhouse gas emissions from cars, factories, homes and businesses, showed they were soaring out of control and would be around 7.2 hilling tonnes by the 2010 deadline.

This, he said, had put the US on course to be about 30 per cent higher in its green-

der agreements reached in Kyoto last year, the US agreed to reduce emissions by 7 per cent by 2010 to S.4 billion tonnes. These explosive claims were made by Mr Reinstein at a conference of environ-

"If [the Americans] did all they can ment ministers and climate experts here domestically at this moment, they could aimed at charting a plan for implementa-tion of the Kyoto protocol. "They [the Americans] signed up to something it is impossible to fulfil," said Mr Reinstein. take the increase in emissions down to 12-15 per cent above 1990 levels. But that is still 19 per cent to 22 per cent above the target." Emission trading will allow the who is no longer with the State Depart-US to buy carbon credits, to offset its emissions at home, from countries which He said environmentalists believed have met and exceeded their targets.

that industrial nations like the US had a number of ways to meet the Kyoto targets. These included increasing the use of ing leaner-burning power stations and cars. and energy-efficiency drives in homes and businesses. But Mr Reinstein made in the US".

come to the rescue was flawed, as the changeover from old power stations and cars to energy-efficient systems was too

Kirsty Hamilton of Greeopeace International said Mr Reinstein's study was "overly pessimistic". She said industries in America and Europe were now convinced that there were "big and cheap reductions of carbon dioxide which can be

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Colombia chainsaw gang kill 13

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

HOODED Colombian paramilitaries wielding chainsaws killed 13 peasants and injured more than 20 others during a dawn raid on two small neighbouring villages in the central state of Antioquia. They at-tacked the hamlets in the belief they were inhabited by sympathisers of left-wing guer-

rillas in the area.
State police said they found
a horrifying scene of dismembered bodies and splattered blood" in the villages of La Mona and Santa Isabel, about 155 miles from Bogotá. The group, calling itself R-20, also left behind leaflets and messages written in blood on the walls of farmers' homes, claiming responsibility.

A police spokesman said the paramilitaries first used chainsaws to kill six people in La Mona before moving on to Santa Isabel. Ten of the victims were men. One was a 15-year-old girl, killed by the militiamen when they were unable to find her husband.

In recent weeks paramilitaries have intensified attacks on civilians in Antioquia amid an upsurge of activity by the

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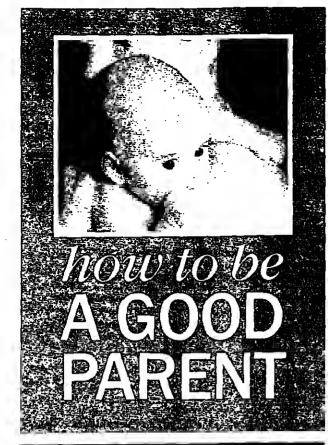
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Loving someone else's children



STEP-PARENTS AND GENES

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t is not easy to love other people's children. Endearing habits in one's own toddlers are brattishness in others'. Forgiveness comes easier for errors that are home-grown.

Pity, then, the step-parent who has to take on a fullyfledged family and behave as if it is his or hers. Nursery literature is stuffed with accounts of cruel step-parents who fail this demanding test, from Cinderella to Honsel and Gretel. A loth-century French prov-

erb says: 'The mother of babes who elects to rewed/ Has taken their enemy into her bed." In any culture, at any time, you will find tales of eruel step-parents and vienmised stepchildren. Until recently such stories were regarded as hangovers from a credulous past: not even their own folk wisdom, but a Grimm reminder

children should be grateful for anything less than assault and battery from their namiral parents. A short but fascinating book by two psychologists at Canada's McMaster University in Ontario, Martin Daly and Margot Wilson, paints a different picture. The Truth obout Cinderella suggests that cruel step-parents are far from a myth. They are the uncomfortable, but literal, truth.

The sorv begins with Charles Darwin. His ideas about evolution percolated at what now seems a glacial pace. For a century, sciennists believed them without really

understanding their full significance. There was a vagueness about whether natural selection operated at the level of the individual, the group, the species, at all three - or at none of them. Today all but a minority believe it operates at the level of the gene, making organisms no more than the outward expression of a covert selection taking place out of sight.

The competition is to ensure that your own genes, and not somebody else's, ring down the generations. This means

that our interests are far more bound up in ensuring the progeny than they can ever be in altruistic acts towards the progeny of others. Human beings and other animals can behave in ways that appear altruistic, and may be so. But such acts, today's Darwinians believe, are designed as a subtle form of self-promo-

the altruist. Applying this uncomfortable doctrine to humans took even longer, even though the evidence was there. For example, in 1977, Gary Becker, the economist showed from American demographic data that while having children within a marriage reduces the divorce rate, having stepchildren increases it. He concluded that genetic children have a value

tion. They invite reciprocation

and earn esteem, which en-

beyond the simply economic. while stepchildren do not. Finding the argument per-

Children's literature has always been full of accounts of cruel step-parents. But is blood really thicker than water?

out to discover whether stepchildren really do suffer more abuse than genetic children. This is not entirely straightforward because there are a number of possible confounding factors and the US census, with which the two began their research, does not distinguish between genetic, adoptive and step-parenthood.

hances the breeding chances of Since these first studies, however, the mounting evidence has pointed in the same direction. A report by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children into child abuse in Britain in the 1980s. for example, showed that 32 per cent of the more than 4.00tl cases of physical injury recorded were among children with a step-parent.

Canadian stansics show that a step-parent (overwhelmingly a stepfather) is 70 times more likely to kill a child un-

suasive, Daly and Wilson set out to discover whether step-ural father. Home Office statisries record that murders by steplathers are also different from those by genetic fathers. While genetic fathers kill their children while they sleep, or as part of a suicide, stepfathers bludgeon them to death. In Finland, a survey of 9,000

15-year-old girls showed that 3.7 per cent of those living with a stepfather claimed to have been sexually abused, compared with 0.2 per cent of those living with a generic father. Daly and Wilson's findings have not made them universal-ly popular, with their evidence described by some critics as "flawed and biased". Even those who accept that stepchildren have, on average, a harder rime than genetic children. have been reluctant to criticise step-families. Why? "Perhaps the main reason is that the writ-

ers feel the step-family life is

hard enough, without adding to the stigma," they say. They deal bruially with the "vacuous pap" pul forward by psychologists to explain why stepparenthood is sn difficult - for example, the theory that the role is "incompletely institulionalised" and step-parents simply don't know what to do.

aly and Wilson say: "Some stepparents do indeed describe their anguish and inconsistent behaviour as a kind of perplexity, but this is surely a sign of internal monvational conflicts rather than of the absence of a script. People are amhivalent when they have conflicting desires."

Yet the majority of step-parents do not abuse the children in their care, and do their very best to love them as they would their own. They take them on as part of the deal, implicit or explicit, that they strike with the natural parent. Some may be able to feel a love for them that is almost indistinguishable from that for their own children, others may not.

At a time when the family is under threat from divorce and from those who claim all arrangements for raising children - so long as they are "lowing" - are equally valid, it is also a reminder of the power of kinship. There are different kinds of love, and parental love does genuinely seem to be of a different character. Blood really is thicker than water.

NIGEL HAWKES

6 The Truth about Cinderella is one of a series of loar short books deriving from a programmic of fee-tures and seminary organised at the London School of Leonomics on different aspects of Parwinters They are all published by Weiden-feld C (Sixolson, £4.9).

CHILDREN AND PEERS

Assumption was published in America last month, it sent shockwaves through the acauthor, Judith Harris, questioned the power that parents have to shape the personalities of their children. Three years ago, 60-year-

old Harris was an un-

known grandmother with a psychology degree, writing college textbooks on developmental psychology at her home in New Jersey. "Like every nther writer in this field, t subscribed to the idea that personality and be-haviour are shaped by our parents," she says. "That belief has remained unshakable since it was propounded by Freud. t realty believed it. 100 — until by examining more of the research on which my books were based, I nonced inconsisteneies. Many studies linking home environment with child develupment were poor, and [realised that I

was dealing with a myth," The sort of questions to which Harris wanted answers were, for example: why do the children of reimmigrants soon speak their new tanguage fluently, without an accent? And why do identical twins, reared together, grow up to be as different from one another as identical twins brought up in different families?

We know that roughly 50 per cent of our personality is due to our genes," she says. "That means that the other 50 per cent is formed hy our environment. But whether that means home. as Freud maintained, is another matter. My question was why no anendon had been paid to children's outside environment, especially between six and 12, when they furm peer groups."

After six months of painstaking research, she came across an article by a British psychologist which provided a vital missing piece to the puzzle of what makes us who we are. Her eves gleam as she recalls the "cureka moment" — the most thrilling day of her life.

ti was a dark afternoon iin January 20, 1994, and she was reading an article on juvenile delinquency which suggested that teenagers act illegally in order to gain the status and privileges of adulthood. " That can't be right.' I thought. In a flash it dawned on me way amund. Tecnagers aren't trying to be like adults, or they would be doing responsible tasks. They are distinguishing them-

selves from adults." As children, we identify not with our parents but with a group consisting of our peers: no matter how we act at home, we adapt our behaviour to fit in with stone of Harris's theory: and it runs contrary to our fundamental beliefs in the vulnerability and dependence of children, and their need for a secure home.

What enrages some childcare experts is her claim that children are not as fragmostly not end up irremediably damaged by the occasional slap, by a divorce, or by being brought up by a busy working mother or singlc parent.
'They have to be tough

because the world doesn't handle them with kid gloves," Harris says. "They learn that early. I just had a letter from the mother of a boy born cross-eyed who was picked on incessantly at school, never made friends and grew up suffering from severe depression. His parents doted on him but psychiatrists only want-



New theory: Judith Harris

ed to talk about his relation-

ship with his parents." Although emotional trauma. especially associated with divorce, is held to be one of the most damaging elements in a child's development. Harris believes that factors such as frequently moving home, changing schools or a drop in income are more likely to affect children, by forcing them to adapt to a new peer group.

Are parents likely to feel demoralised by a seeming lack of influence over their children's destiny? Harris thinks not. "They should worry less about being mod-

el parents," she says. And there is another inplication: in choosing where to live, how often to move and which school to send their children to, par ents surely have more, not less, potential to guide their children's future.

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The monkeys that eat less and live longer

WORMS do it flies do it and it seems monkeys do it, too. At a recent meeting in Reston. Virginia, three American teams who are raising rhesus monkeys on very restricted diets gave a progress report. They aim to see whether restricting calories to low levels increases lifespan, as it does in worms, flies and rodents. The evidence, though not conclu-

sive, suggests that it does. The monkeys in the trials are only in middle age, but they show fewer signs of agerelated diseases such as diabeles, heart disease and cancer than do their better-fed siblings. Whether any human being would choose starvation rations in order to win a few extra years is doubtful, but the experiments could tease out the reasons and provide a less unpleasant way of achieving

the same result.

The groups — led by Dr Mark Lanc at the US National Institute on Ageing. Richard Weindruch at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and Dr Barbara Hansen at the University of Maryland in Ballimore — all had similar findings.

Science reports. The NIA and Wisconsin teams provide their rhesus

mnnkeys with 30 per cent fewer calnries than control monkeys, while the Maryland team has adjusted the diet so that the mankeys gain no more weight than they carried in early adulthood. With these diets the monkeys are clearly hungry a good

BRIEFING Nigel Hawkes



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level of diabetes. The most striking result came from the NIA group, which has found the first possible signs of increased lifespan. Of 120 monkeys on the restricted diet, one has so far died, compared with five of the 12tt controls.

"The message from the mon-keys is that 99.9 per cent of those markers that we have examined behave exactly as they do in rodents," says Or Lane. The only real problem sn far observed is delayed sexual and skeleral maturity. None of the monkeys has been bred. however, so it is not clear whether their fertility has been affected.

Rats and mice live up to 40 per cent longer on severely restricted itiels, and if the same is true of monkeys, it will be a long time before the final results of these experiments are in. The normal lifespan of a rhesus monkey is 40, and these test animals are in their twenties, Lyen if they ald live longer, interpreting the

results could be a challenge. Or Roy Walford of the University of California at Los Angeles says that restricting catories does not necessarily distinguish between different theories of ageing. This is because it has many effects; improving the repair of DNA decreasing the damage done by free radicals produced by metabolism, preserving the immune system and regulating

insulin. So the monkeys may tell us that it works, but not why. It might have been quicker to study the longevity of jockeys, or monks who lead an abstemious life - two groups as familiar with the nagging feeling of hunger as the rhesus monkeys.

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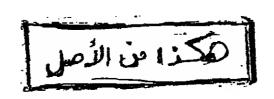
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Wednesday morning The New Meat-Eaters of Manhattan" hollers a headline on the front page of today's New York Observer. Meat, it predies confidently, is back in fashion. This is of special ir terest to me, since pregnancy books have warned me off our staple diet of sushi - raw fish being taboo - and we are casting around for dietary alternatives.

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Il seems that models at Moomba, currently the city's coolest hangout, are abandoning char-grilled vegetables by the forkload and have become born-again carnivores, feasting on the rarest, pinkest slivers of lamb.

"Fashion parties now include stabs of foie gras on pa sing trays," the piece nods approvingly. It also quotes from Protein Power, an "anticarbohydrate" bestseller that advocates steak and eggs for breakfast; pork ribs for lunch or a double burger dressed with a hat of bacon and cheese and a scarf of lettuce.

The secret of that charmed

combo, high energy and low

body fat, say the anti-carb gurus. Doctors Michael and Mary Dan Eades, is to toss your oatbran and yoghurt down the garbage disposal and to eat nothing but pure protein.

Personally I have my doubts, but Peter is rather enthusiastic and reads out an ad he has just circled in The New York Times.

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Wednesday afternoon: Thank you for calling Say-ersBrook Bison Ranch. My name is Mercedes, how can I help you today?"

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Joanna Coles

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cries Mercedes. "Which part of the UK are you from?" "Yorkshire," I offer, hoping not to get drawn into a do-you-know-a-Mrs-Bennett who-lives-in-Halifax conver-

New York." "Actually I was just in London," says Mer-cedes cheerfully, "and I found Burger King and Pizza Hut much more expensive."

"But then we went to Paris

and I found a whole disco out- cleansing power as a heart atfit for \$15! It was over near the Luxembourg Gardens."

"That's great," I murmur. "I also went to the Doc Marten store in Covent Garden, but they were no cheaper than they are in Omaha! Now you want the four bison steaks, right?"

"And with that you will get a free SaversBrook bunter's stew." she says, taking my address. "I lift weights but when I left London, I couldn't lift my suitcase! That's gonna be \$39.88 with shipping and it's been nice talking to you!"

Friday: In advance of the steaks themselves, the Sayers-Brook Bison Ranch catalogue arrives, a glossy ode to the bison. "the red meat of the new millennium", packed with glowing testimonials from contented bison eaters.

"Paula and I have always eaten lean, healthy foods," raves Peter Fasseas, the presideni of the Metropolitan Bank Group, Chicago, "We are convinced of its arterial tack preventer!"

Ten years ago, I was diagnos if with blocked arteries." dectares John Brouk (winner of 12 gold medals, Senior Olympics 80-84 age group). "I began eating bison on a regular basis. My last blood test showed that the blockages

were gone. I wholeheartedly believe that my gold medals are due in a big way to bisoo meat." There is also a photograph

of Jimmy Powell, a professional golfer, and his cherubic wife. "Delores and I attribute our increased energy levels to our diet of bison meat. Wow, it's like a hole in It turns out that bison is the

chameleon of meats. "It looks like the best ham. It tastes like the finest ham. It's really the best North American bison!" There are bison bratwurst; bison hot dogs; corned bison; ground bison; a large, wicker "Herd of Bison Gift Basket" (comprising 18 pieces of pressed bison jerky, graz-ing on a bed of artificial grass around a cactus-shaped cheddar) and lastly, bison gift cer-

tificates. All orders, readers are assured, will come with "complete, easy-to-follow preparation instructions".

Monday: The doorman buzzes up to announce that we have a delivery. It is a bulky polystyrene box. We prise it open to find four individually frozen bison steaks nestling in a bed of smoking dry ice. Peter holds up one of the bloody sachets: "II looks like we've just had a delivery from an organ donor," he

As promised, there is also our ioducement of free "hunter's stew", plus a letter headed "A Special Message Just For You!" But there is no message, the letter is blank.

Tuesday: We decide to follow Protein Power's advice and begin our new regime with a bison steak breakfast. Despite the catalogue's assurances, there are no cooking instructions included, so we

drag out our dusty recipa-books for some advice. But Pru Leith, Caroline Waldegrave, Sophie Grigsoo and even the River Café books are all bison-free zones.

"I suppose we should just treat it as beef steak," Peter says doubtfully. He fires up the gas cooker and I toss two steaks into a frying pan, with a pile of chopped onions and a squirt of olive oil. The bison shanks fizzle alarmingly. then settle. After a couple of minutes a side, I cul into one to test it, but its core is still unacceptably bloody for a preg-

nant woman. Another couple of minutes and the red is still there. It seems it is impossible to cool: them through. Eventually, 1 serve them up and we :it down to our bison breal 'ast.

"Mmm," ruminates Peter. sampling them like a TV rmand, "Pleasantly gamey. If a bit on the chewy side. What do you think?"

'Fine ..." I say, still chewing. Though secretly I find myself hankering for a bowl of Special K.

Saved by a tin helmet



On Armistice Day, Magnus **Linklater**, below, writes of his father's war and Dominic Walsh remembers a relative who died

n the bookcase beside me is a tin helmet, scarred and pitits leather lining hanging down. At the back of it, almost dead centre, is a small entry hole where the bullet went in. On the righthand side, above the ear, is a jagged tangle of metal where it came out, its path deflected by the protecting steel. That helmet is as precious an object as anything I have, a reminder of my father's miraculous escape in the trenches of Ypres. It speaks of the horrors of a war that destroyed a generation. It is the reason that we, his fami-doning his rifle, turic and ly, are here.

How he survived at all is beyond comprehension. It was April 11, 1918, and my father. barery 19 (he had added a year to his age to join up as a private in the Black Watch), was crouched in an unfinished trench near the village of Voormezeele. A sniper, he was attempting to hold off a German advance, but his ammunition had run out and his rifle was too hot to hold. He had two grenades left. He threw one, and was reaching for the second when he looked back and saw the trench behind him was empty, save for one man who had stayed to warn him that the platoon was retreating. This is how he described what happened next:

"I threw my second bomb and turned to run. I ran so fast that, although I was the last by a long way to leave the trench. within 200 yards I had passed several of those who had preceded me, including an officer who was looking back with an expression of reluctance that, in the circumstances, appeared

strangely ill-timed. "I continued to run until, in a mingling of righteous indig-nation and utter dismay, I felt on my head a blow of indescribable force. It was a bullet, probably a machinegun bullet, for the rille fire of the German infantry was poor. When I recovered consciousness the sur-

rounding landscape appeared entirely empty. But I could not see very well, and perhaps I was mistaken. A few shots that were evidently hostile gave me a rough direction, and with clumsy fingers I took from a pocket in the lining of my tunic a little package of field dressings. I could not undo it, but stuck il whole on the back of my head, where I judged the wound to be, and kept it in position with my steel helmet, that

a chinstrap held tightly on." With his sight going, he fell into a waterlogged trench and almost drowned. But by aban-



Eric Linklater, novelist, 1899-1974

equipment, he managed to struggle out. Finally, after walking many miles, he caught up with a troop of walking wounded, who were taken by ambulance to the train that would carry them to Boulogne. Before he boarded, there was a surreal scene which, with a novelist's eye, he could not fail to record. A gang of men from the Chinese Labour Corps was watching as the wounded men limped up the platform:

They began to laugh at us. We were a ludicrous company. tottering, misshapen, roughly bandaged. Thin of voice, the coolies tittered; as their mirth grew, they doubled up and held their sides. Peal upon peal their taughter rang, and they pointed to the saviours of the Western world."

The Great War marked my

father for life; there was a dent in the back of his head where the bullet had ploughed through his skull; as children we pretended to post letters in it. But the effects were not just physical. He wrote ferociously, travelled unceasingly, demanded the highest standards, not just from himself, but from his family and friends. It did not always make him easy to live with. An uproarious sense of humour was matched by occasionally seismie rages. It was as if, having survived the war against all expectations and seen so many of his companions die, he had to compensate continually for their loss; he made the most of the time and opportunities he had so unexnectedly been allowed. He expected others to do the same.

He never talked about the horror of the trenches, where the duckboards were smashed by shells and more people died of drowning than by enemy fire. He destroyed the letters he wrote to his mother, although they contained little more than reassuring banter ("I am sorry the news you got fluttered your dovecote ... 1, too, felt slightly fluttered when I fell"]. Like other survivors, he rarely discussed the war, except for a few well-rehearsed jokes: the day the battalion retreated in the pouring rain and the men were told to wear their kilts as capes ('We said goodbye to Passchendaele with a flutter of grey shirt-tails dancing behind our burns") or the joy of finding vintage champagne in an otherwise deserted French

he real story was either too painful or personal to pass on to us, his children. Perhans it was our fault. In one of his autobiographies, Fanfare: for a Tin Hat, he wrote: "My children never incited me, even in a whisper, to tell them of the part I look." That may have been because we sensed a barrier, behind which lay things



Steely resolve Magnus Linklater inspects the tin helmet that saved his father's life in the First World War. A light shines through the builet hole

so deep and dark that we dared not intrude too far. In his novel The Impregnable Women there was a flash of it: "The dead were yielding to corruption. They no longer lay gaunt and rigid, but huddled softly in the mud. When the frost melted in their flesh the starkness of their last agony had relaxed and the icy preservation of their youth dissolved . . . They were no more to be recognised as the sons of men, but as parcels of the troubled earth."

I sense that there was something else he found impossible to share — the intensity of the experience. He once described it thus: "My few weeks as a sniper gave to my life an excitement, an intensity, which have never known since...] lived at a high pitch of purpose, a continuous physical and mental alertness that has never again suffused my brain and body - and which in later years my body and brain could not have sustained." It is something that those who have not experienced war at first hand will never truly understand.

Fate of a Titanic newsboy THE upsurge of interest in the fate of the Titanie has meant a repeated airing for one of the most enduring images of that disaster: the youthful news vendor on a London street corner holding a poster announcing the disaster.

Though the loss of life from

the sinking of the ship in 1912 is well-documented, the picture hides a private tragedy. Six years later that young man — my great-uncle, Ned Parfett — was killed at 22 during a German bombardment while serving in France, days before the Armistice.

He had enlisted in the Royal Artillery in 1916, serving for a period as a dispatch rider before being assigned to recon-naissance duties. He was mentioned in dispatches and awarded the Military Medal for his gallant conduct during a series of missions.

After his death, the officer who recommended him for



Ned Parfett: enduring image

the award wrote to one his brothers: "On many occasions he accompanied me during severe shelling and I always placed the greatest confidence in him."

Ned, after whom my father was named, was one of four brothers from Cornwall Road, Waterloo, who served their country. One served in the disastrous Dardanelles become part of the army of occupation in Germany. Another emerged unscathed from

the slaughter of the Somme, only to be wounded and gassed at the third battle of

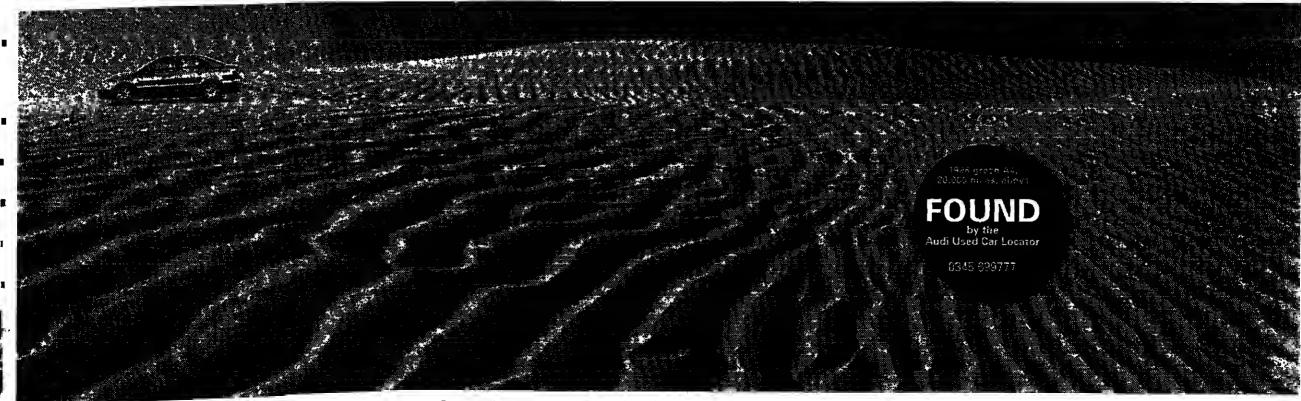
Of the four brothers, only Ned failed to make it. He died on October 29, 1918, near Valenciennes, when a shell landed on the quartermaster's stores just as he was collecting some clothes before going home on leave. If he had survived the attack, he would have been at home when the

in the British cemetery al Verchain-Maugré.

The famous image of Ned on the corner of Trafalgar Square has assured him a place in history. His medals and the gravestone in a corner of a French cemetery ensure that his bravery will not be forgotten by his family, despite the passing of the years.

DOMINIC WALSH





The First Lady is a champ

She makes Republicans look

dowdy, says Bronwen Maddox

ally for high political office — and probably for a new husband — take a look at the pictures in the December issue of Vogue. Taken just before the November 3 elections has the statement of the tions by star photographer Annie Leibovitz for the Ameri-can edition, but now circulating widely, they are the most flattering — in fact, beautiful - published of the First Lady.

Against the pale blue sky of a Washington autumn morn-ing, framed by the White House's classical pillars, Hillary sits at a small breakfast table on the Truman balcony. working quietly at a sheaf of papers. Every detail is in-serted with the calculation of a Vermeer portrait: the angled pen and the professional tilt at which she holds the report show she means business: the gold-rimmed coffee cup echoes her wedding ring, also reflected in the table top. Her hair is swept gracefully but softly back; the open-necked white shirt has a touch of Meryl Streep in Out of Africa. that tale of feminine grit during

personal disaster. Those shots of Hillary are the most memorable The new image from the campaign season. **Newts** Normally an American election, pasare dull sionately fought against a backdrop of banners and and balloons, to a soundtrack of the stodgy to nation's best rock a man least half a dozen powerful figures

stage.
Not this one. Yes, we have
Jesse The Body Ventura, the
former wrestler who is the new Governor of Minnesota. With verbal gifts outstripping that of most politicians, he deserves his new self-awarded title of "The Mind", not least for dubbing his former profes-sion "ballet with violence".

But for all the unexpected drama of the Democrats' triumph, the past week has left national politics with a cast of breathtaking duliness. That goes above all for those now trying to fill the Newt-shaped hole in the capital's political

The night before last, Newt Gingrich chose the landmark Willard Hotel for the first round of his farewells since his resignation as Speaker on Friday. The Willard is not an easy place in which to shine. oppressively refurbished in the Washington style which flatters the building at the expense of the occupants: chandeliers glinting off bald spots, heavy drapes echoing the heftiness of the women's double-breasted suits. But Mr Gingrich showed why he has effortlessly been a pobtical star, rousing a stodgy crowd to its feet with a call for the new Republican leaders to keep their ideas fresh and wide-

ranging.
They will disappoint him. Robert Livingston, his friend of 20 years, who now seems unchallenged for the succession, has been described as approaching politics like carpentry. He takes the pieces

f you doubt that Hillary Clinton is aiming evenu-many hours later to announce many hours later to announce proudly "Look. I've built a little consensus." A tall, grey, stooping man, he has been caught on television in only one moment of animation, some years ago: waving his arms, shouting and stomping self-consciously, he looked like an A-level schoolboy trying to act the storm scene from King Lear. His mother rang immediately from Louisiana to tell him he looked "like a lunatic".

and he hasn't done it since. But he towers above the runners for the party's other top jobs on Capitol Hill, thrown open after Mr Gingrich's exit. They might as well go by the label of "the usual suspects", given that their names will never be household words. One after the other, they pop up in the television studios; with their Thunderbird-style hairlines and their vanishingly thin top lips, they look like John Major's Spitting Image puppet, gently washed with a light orange tan

They have little to say, and they say it badly, exposing both the shallowness of their characters and of

the party's current thinking. They are all tax-cutters, except perhaps dur-ing an economic slowdown, and yes, we might be on the verge of one of those; they all up-hold family values, but are silent on the party's rifts over abortion. Sensitive to the

charge that Newt prominently on to the national stage.

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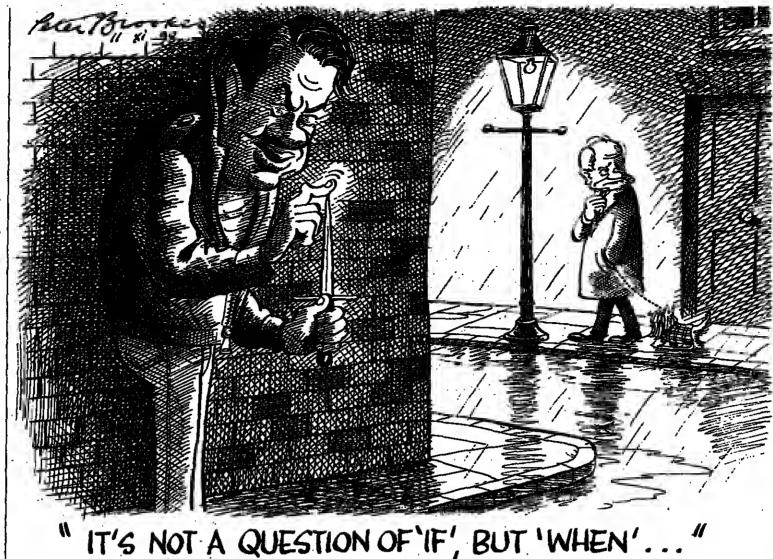
divided the party, they compete to claim togetherness.

Jennifer Durn of Washington State implored colleagues to employ someone like me who is a communicator, someone who connects. J.C. Watts, the party's only black in Congress, who is running for Conference Chairman, said: "We're individuals, as Republicans, but we've got to take a serious look at this teamwork thing."

It will take a more powerful and articulate performance to protect the party against future election reversals. That is one reason, among many, Hillary. She is now confidently tipped for a Senate career, only one among many glitter-ing options that are undeniably available

illary had, by common agreement, a dazzling campaign season. giving powerful speeches across the country. But she and the President spent election night separately, we are told by Newsweek magazine. She invited her girlfriends to the White House movie theatre to watch Beloved, the new Oprah Winfrey epic about slavery. Her hus-band was huddled in his Chief of Staff's office, glued to the exit polls which spelled out his vindication, and then surfed

the Net long into the night. If impressive Republican leadership does not emerge, he may be able to spend future election nights happily watch-ing Democratic victories. Not least the triumph of his wife, or former wife, as she may by



Blair's heir apparent?

ould Peter Mandelson one day become leader of the Labour Party? A few years ago, simply posing the ques-tion would have been judged a sign of lunacy. Even bookmakers with an eye for the fanciful would have declined to waste their time offering odds on such a patent absurdity. Just a few months ago it would have registered equally impressively on a register of nonsensical propositions. Even raising the possibility today is

to be accused of failing to appreciate the soul of the Labour Party and what makes it tick. Mr Mandelson, it is argued, is too deeply unpopular with too many people and has been for too

long to have the remotest of chances. Yet there are those at Westminster who are beginning to think the unthinkable, imagine the unimaginable and whisper the unwhisperable; that the minister formerly known as the Prince of Darkness might, Just might one day go one better than his grandfather Herbert Morrison, Deputy Prime Minster to Clement Attlee, and inherit the Labour crown.

Mr Mandelson has been in the news a great deal lately, despite the BBC's best efforts. After his promotion to the Cabinet in the summer he hasn't merely blinked into the limelight so much as blazed a trail. Even before the controversy over his sexuality, he was making headlines. His emergence from the shadows

has been conducted with extraordinary zeal and determination. In a matter of months he has transformed himself from a behind-the-scenes manager of the message to becoming a central part of the message in his own right. Barely four years ago his alienation from the centre of Labour power under John Smith's leadership was absolute. The transformation is stunning. He is a top-table member of the new Labour establishment. He could even argue his case as a member of the Establishment, if there is still a difference. He is the only member of the Government to attend

Prince Charles' 50th birthday party. The combination of Mr Mandelson's promotion to the Cabinet and his ensuing zest for a high-profile political life have lodged one tantalising thought in the minds of more than a few MPs: that the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry may be beginning to believe that he could take over from Tony Blair. He may even be being groomed for the job.
"There is a definite agenda here. I

Is Mandelson being groomed as a future party leader? His friends and foes think so, argues Roland Watson

Peter's

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am quite clear about that, for Mandelson to succeed Blair," accord-ing to one senior Labour MP. That the words come from someone owing their allegiance to Gordon Brown, the Chancellor whose relationship with Mr Mandelson verges from hostile to distrustful, should act as a warning. Members of the Brown camp are

not alone in perceiving an agenda, which has been fuelled by Philip Gould's book The Unfinished Revolution, serialised in The Times. Written with the blessing of No 10 by one of Mr. Bleire most serior advices: the Mr Blair's most senior advisers, the book gives Mr Mandelson a peerless role in saving the party from self-destruction. But

its attempt to clear him of deceiving Mr Brown dur-ing the jostling for posi-tion in the days following Smith's death has prompted charges that Mr Gould has rewritten history to charge beld against Mr Mandelson within the par-

If the aim of Gould's book was to assuage the

suspicions of the Brownites, it has failed. One MP close to the Chancellor said the book had been discussed briefly by Mr Brown and his team and - ominously for Mr Mandelson - "stored in the memory". On the basis that there is nothing more crippling to a political career than being talked of as a future leader, the Brown camp may be talking Mr Mandelon's ambitions up in the hope of dashing them.

But Mr Mandelson's ambitions hardly need talking up. He has been busy himself, matching relish for his grown-up job with artful construction of a power base from his DTI office. His courtship with business has been energetic. "We are intensely relaxed about people getting filthy rich," he told computer executives last month in California's Silicon Valley.

Addressing the CBI conference last week, he was notably more assured than at the Labour conference. His detractors would suggest he felt more at home with his Birmingham audience of businessmen than the party faithful in Blackpool. But it may simply be that he is developing greater confidence in public. He has courted not only new Labour's new friends, but also more traditional constituencies. He described the idea that General Pinochet could claim diplomatic immunity as "gut-wrenching". It may have earned him criticism from the Tories, but it

secured a congratulatory Commons motion from Tony Benn. But the most fascinating alliance he has forged with the Left is within his

own department. His relationship with his DTI Number Two, Jan McCartney, is developing into one of Westminster's most surprising double-acts.
They are both clearly making a huge effort and are said to get on better than anyone could imag-ine. That is possibly because they both need each

talking other. Mr McCartney self-evidently needs the support of his boss. But Mr Mandelson needs him more. Mr McCart-

ney is the Government's leading left-winger outside the Cabinet. He enjoys almost cult standing among the rank and file. As Peter's friend he could do wonders for Mr Mandelson's standing in a party which knows him chiefly from grapevine sniping rather than at first hand, Mr Mandelson has been artracting

rave reviews elsewhere. The adulatory Sun leader that greeted his "outing" on Newsnight was described by one Downing Street source as "the most significant thing that has happened for a long time, both poliocally and sociologically". Mr Blair has, it is said, discussed Mr Mandelson's position on the issue, but the minister is still anxious to place it firmly in the background. The generally welcoming reception for Nick Brown's decision to come out has, however, altered the calculation. It may no longer be unthinkable that modernising Britain may culminate in electing a gay Prime Minister.

Mr Mandelson has, meanwhile. been courting coverage in the most unlikely quarters. His decision to drop in for dinner at the home of Matthew Norman, the Guardian diarist and merciless tormentor of the minister, had most observers assuming the news was a joke. It wasn't. One of Mr Mandelson's friends described the event as the PR equivalent of getting the Sun to back Labour, "maybe more significant". Another, from No 10, said: "Peter has obviously decided to mend fences with everyone he has ever fallen out with, ft's going to take a long time."

ven if Mr Mandelson has decided he wants to be friends with everyone, how will he overcome the most obvious stumbling block, namely that the Labour leader is chosen by the members, not a media-political elite? One version of events could go something like this. By the time of the next election victory Mr Mandelson has spent three steady years at the DTI, during which the introduction of the minimum wage, working time directive and workplace rights pack-age has earned him the nickname "the workers' friend". Mr Blair makes the party moves into its next phase of internal modernisation. The link with the trade unions is cut and the electoral college used to elect leaders is abolished and replaced by one-

member-one-vote. After five years strutting the world stage. Mr Mandelson looks like a statesman. He has been at the heart of Britain's entry into the single currency and has cemented Britain's role as the European Union's unofficial leader. Following a third election victory Mr Blair dres and, with a party membership which boasts few remaining traditionalists and is 80 per cent middle class, Mr Mandelson slides effortlessly into No 10. Over-imaginadve, perhaps. But impossible?

Six years ago he was not even an MP. Last week Mr Blair made a little noticed speech to sixth-formers. In drumming home his message about the need for permanent revolution at the heart of the Labour Party, the Prime Minister predicted that when it came to his retirement, be would be replaced by a moderniser who made him look positively old-fashioned. Whom could he have had in mind?

Simon Jenkins is away.

into a back room, worries then have chosen to be. Lord's gong

EIGHTY years after hanging up his tin hat, Lord Denning is to be honoured by the French for his efforts in the trenches during the First World War. Daniel Bernard, the French Ambassador, is to bung Britain's most whimsical judge a Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur, in place of Gérard Depardieu (pictured with Denning) who may be stripped of his title due to his boorishness. The former Master of the Rolls, 99 not out, is among 300 surviving British veterans to be honoured. His stint in the Royal Engineers from 1917 to 1919

qualify him for France's highest gong. The ambassador will drop by Denning's Hampshire pad to honour him. "f am very pleased they have recognised the value we youngsters gave during 1918," he tells me. "It was a criticial year and we only just won. We were a group of youngsters but we held the line."

A Frenchy confirms that Denning's award pays tribute to his valour. I hope no one recalls his secret for long life. "By eating plain English food," he replied. "I don't want any of that French stuff."

● THE ultimate horror Christmas gift: It Could Be You, An Autobiography by Jeremy Beadle.

Luncheon meet THOSE two old muckers, Baron-



about jolly times at the next jamboree of the Knights of the Garter. Sentimental sorts are keen to seat the two love-birds next to each other at lunch. And this time they will not have to restrict their chatter to the merits of Ikea chairs.

●THE riddle of what happened to the king's giraffe could have been solved by Lord St John of Fawsley. Despite numerous false trails including o giraffe museum in La ess Thatcher and Sir Edward Rochelle which read of the mystery



here, but actually turned out to house the giraffe's late sister — Fawsley has learnt of a dissected beast in the bowels of the Natural History Museum. An extensive examination is plonned.

Tactical talk

IN THE midst of the Balkans Rose beined his son to win a wager The commander of the UN force in Bosnia was asked by James, then up at Durham, to insert the word "blazant" into a televisual interview. If he did, the general's son would win E25 worth of beer from the Bacchanalian Barons, his drinking club.

A few days later, Rose was quoted on TV, describing, yep. a "blazant and flagrant disregard for



CHER has been told to die elsewhere. The chameuse has dropped hints that she would like to call it a day at the Pere Lachaise cemetery in Paris - retirement home in the ground for those old crumblies Oscar Wilde, Maria Callas. Jim Morrison and the

middle classes of Paris - and

skirmish. General Sir Michael

"It's even worse on Railtrack!"

 LATEST academic spin-off from hoped she would qualify as owner of a holiday home in Provence.
"Non," says the man at the gate: "You must live or die in Paris. We need proof - usually three months' telephone bills. The rules cannot be changed for anyone.

> • LOVE continues to bloom between those two wannabe Dick Whittingtons, Ken Livingstone ond Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, united by frustration with their ungrateful and respective parties. They arrived together at the BBC yesterday. Bemused snappers saw Jeffrey point to his rival:
> "Go on, take some pictures of my
> deputy." A modest Livingstone pointed to Archer: "No, no, please snap my lady mayoress."

Legal battle

LONG, troubled nights for the Lord Chief Justice. Lord Bingham of Cornhill is fearful as law tords bat around his ruling that General Pinochet enjoys immunity from prosecution. Friends say Bingham would take it as a humiliadon if his decision that the general could be packed off back to Chile was overturned by the five presiding lords. "He is very tense," says a large gavel close to Bingham. "He has a very rocky relationship with the law lords and is worried they



will go the other way." Not as fearful as Pinochet, one imagines.

● ARCHIE NORMAN has recruitcd Celine Balilran (0 bove). George Clooney's fragile French girl-friend, to Asda. After my note obout the supermarker choirman offering his store's mixed-fibre shirts to his chum Francis Moude. news emerges of this more inviting model. "I like simplicity," says Ms Bolitran, swiftly growing occus-tomed to the economical product.

JASPER GERARD

Alan Coren



My bitter-sweet remembrance of citrus husbandry

1 is Armisince Day. It is a very big day indeed. It is the day I bring the lemon tree in. I do not, mind, bring the lemon tree in because it is Armistice Day — I do not, that is, bring it in as a private memorial pact, the lemon tree does not signify some personal ritual homage to the glorious fallen, it does not, as it were, commemorate a gallant grand-pa who copped it in the Dardanelles, few poppies there, in Turkish fields the lemons blow, let us therefore wear the lemon with pride, place it in the hall, stand silently beside it between Ilam and 11.02. It has nothing to do with any of that: I bring it in because it is November II, and in my gardener's diary the duties scribbled for that day are "Inspect rhyzomes for rot, dredge pond, drain mower-sump, take lemon tree in".

This fourth injunction has been there since 1993, the year the lemon tree arrived. It arrived in June, the birthday gift of a friend, and it arrived in a big beribboned terracotta pot. It was a sturdy little plant. 3ft high, a mass of glisteningly healthy leaves and, dangling among them, four little green lemons the size of brazil nuts, There was also a fifth dangling item, a booklet assuring me that if I followed the instrucdons on citrus husbandry, to include bringing it indoors' in early November and taking it out again in late May, it would not only give me many years of wondrous fragrance when it

blossomed, but also many years of lemons when it fruited. So my generous friend and I toasted it in gins and tonics containing emblematic slivers of lemon, to furnish the tree with a clear idea of where its future duties lay, and I promised him that the next time he stopped by for a snort, the lemon bobbing in his glass would have been freshplucked. It was a promise I was unable to keep, however, because when he came in August, the four lemons had grown neither bigger nor yellower; although I told him that they unquestionably had. After the third drink, emboldened as one gets, he said that he couldn't be sure, but he thought that one of the lemons had actually grown smaller. I laughed, quite a long mistaken, i had a ruler, I had measured all of them, they were coming on a treat.

y the time he returned in November, the tree was inside. I had carried it in on the 11th, a week earlier, and f was now pretty well recovered, except for a slight twinge in the neck whenever I looked to the left. He remarked that the tree had only three lemons on it. was one of them in our drinks, and I said ves, and he said, funny, I could swear it's the smallest that's missing, and I said, yes, it had been, but it had suddenly sprung up, rather the way children do, so I had plucked it in his honour, would he like a nut? He ate the nut, a cashew that, poignantly, bore a strong resemblance, in size and consistency, to the fourth lemon: which had, as you will have guessed, fallen off while I was struggling in with the tree. As we sat there, a few leaves also fell off, and he looked at me. but I said it was autumn, they did that, it was in the book.

Which was true. It was also true that the book said the leaves would come back in May, after I had taken it outside again, but only about a dozen did, although the three lemons were still there. Somewhat smaller by now, and greyer than I recalled lemons being, but it was probably just a stage they were going through, I said to my friend at my June birthday party. Whether this was true, neither of us had the chance to discover, because another guest brushed past the tree on his way to get a drink, and the three lemons fell off. When they hit the terrace. they sounded like stones. Are you sure you're following the instructions, said my friend, and I said, to the letter, another week of sun and they'd have been enormous, but look, there's a blossom. And there was; but the next day, as I watered it, a bee climbed into the blossom and it fell off.
That was four years ago, since when no blossom at all

has appeared, and, of course, no lemons. But, even as you read this, t shall be lugging it in again, because it still has a couple of curly leaves on it. Could be the last time, though, All things considered, I rather think that is shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.

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TOO VAGUE

The Tory leader can learn a little from Portillo

William Hague chose yesterday to slap Michael Portillo down for offering him advice. Mr Hague may have felt piqued that a friend should choose to counsel him publicly in a newspaper rather than privately by telephone. But what should worry Mr Hague is not the method, but the resonance of the message. The former Defence Secretary's article attracted attention because it reflected a broad unease with the Tory leadership. Those who most wish Mr Hague to succeed have been given the greatest cause for concern by recent events. Mr Portillo is right to say that the Tories "must find their voice". Alternately too shrill and too silent, like a choirboy whose voice is breaking, the Tory leader must develop a mature tone and new themes if voters are to be tempted back.

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It was on Europe that Mr Portillo chose to offer advice, urging the Conservatives to build on their resounding internal vote in favour of keeping the pound. Mr Hague showed leadership in facing down his critics within his party, and established authority for his policy. But what has he done with it? The campaign against the single currency is divided. Competing groups, and egos, with different messages have so far only re-inforced the unfortunate impression that Euroscepticism is fractious and disorganised. In contrast, the pro-EMU campaign, although not without its problems, operates with a stealthy coherence that should goad the Tories to action.

The lesson of past political successes is that victory goes to campaigns coherently led from the centre. The anti-EMU alliance should be as broad as possible, but the Tories could be more assertive in giving it

shape without squeezing people out.

They certainly have room to be more assertive in deploying what patronage they have left so as to promote the sceptic cause. In the past few days Mr Hague has used his right to nominate a successor to Sir Leon Brittan as European Commissioner to advance the claims of Sir Alistair Goodlad, a Clarkeite europhile. There is room in the Conservative Party for a range of views on Europe, but when it comes to choosing a Tory voice in Brussels Mr Hague should have the courage to nominate someone more his own mould. If Mr Blair accepted such a nominee, the Tories would have a powerful advocate at the Commission. And if Mr Blair rejected a sceptical candidate, a political opportunity would have been created to emphasise an issue to Mr Hague's advantage and paint

the Prime Minister as improperly partisan. It is not only abroad that the Tories have flinched from the fight. The party leadership's decision to allow Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare an unimpeded run at the nomination for London's mayor is an abdication of responsibility. Lord Archer has many talents, but a flair for fiction is not what is required to run the capital city.

The Tories do not have many opportunities to make the weather, and show they have learnt the lessons of defeat. There appears to be a complacency at the highest level which attributes Labour's success to spin and believes the electorate will return to their Tory roots in time. They will not. unless they are given new and positive reasons to return.

The Tories are not even making the most of those opportunities which Labour gives thero. When the Government showed immaturity in its handling of the arrest of General Pinochet the Tories were silent. Faced with factory closures they have been shrill in denunciation, but silent on alternatives. The Tones may not wish to take a position, so far in advance of the election, on detailed economic policy. But on the broad questions there is precious little evidence of a coherent lead. Should the State be smaller? If so then how can that be reconciled with indications, repeated yesterday by John Redwood, that health and education spending should increase?

Mr Hague is. apparently, exercised about the Tories' failure to get their message across. New committees have been set up; new figures are to be hired. But, instead of worrying about how messages are communicated, whether by Mr Portillo or himself, Mr Hague should worry about what is to be said. New projects which engage and excite are required. Unless new reasons are advanced to support the Tories, the party will only resent the movement away from traditional positions on issues such as reform of the Lords. The failure to take risks now in re-defining the Tories would

be the biggest risk of all.

BREAKING WAVE

Change sweeps over the 'remote Bermudas'

settled when Sir George Somers was shipwrecked there en roule to Virginia in 1609. For almost 400 years, Marvell's "remote Bermudas" of "golden lamps in a green night" have echoed as poetically in the British imagination as the 'hollow seas" rolling onto its shores. Its Assembly. which first met in 1620, is the oldest legislature in the Commonwealth outside Britain. Bermuda yeslerday saw a momentous change: a general election has swept to power for the first time the Progressive Labour Party, ousting the United Bermuda Party which has held office for the 30 years

that party politics have been allowed. In itself, political change legitimised by a turn-out of 81 per cent is a sign of a vibrant democracy. But many Bermudians are anxious. For the PLP victory has brought into focus two issues that could undermine the settled prosperity of this Atlantic jewel: racial divisions and the question of independence. The PLP's core support comes from Bermuda's blacks, whose lot it is committed to improve. But there are fears, held not only by racists but by many in the black majority, that the inexperienced party will mismanage the economy.

especially the vital financial sector. The party has embraced independence as an essential route not only to self-determination but to a more equal society, and campaigned hard against the "British" establishment. Independence, however, has been a less potent vote-winner than in

Bermuda is Britain's oldest colony, first Britain's younger former colonies. In a landmark referendum in 1995, which turned largely on Bermuda's economic prospects as an independent nation, voters overwhelmingly chose to remain one of Britain's dwindling number of dependent territories - now renamed overseas territories. The vote was a slap in the face for the then Premier. Sir John Swan, who resigned. Even the PLP has opted for caution, promising to take the matter no further in this Parliament.

The issue could be overtaken by Britain's proposals to restore full citizenship to all its overseas territories. For Bermudians this opens up prospects of education, employment and visa-free travel throughout the European Union. But there is a price, which many resent. Britain is insisting on tighter financial regulation and more transparency, to stop money laundering and to police the shadowy frontier between tax avoidance and tax evasion.

The Government would be wise not to gamble that Bermuda's offshore industry would do better on its own. It has enough to do to meet its pledges of social change without stoking fears about its competence or opening new racial divisions. Bermuda, with 60,000 people, accounts for a third of the overseas territories' population. A smooth transition will set an important example to other territories. Bermuda should be able to combine the benefits of extended self-government with the prospect of regaining full British citizenship.

MAN IN TIGHTS

The Lord Chancellor should be allowed some Lycra relief

If sitting on the Woolsack were not back-breaking enough, Lord Irvine of Lairg has another grouse. His buckled shoes pinch, his tights ladder, his breeches rub and his long wig weighs "an absolute ton". But even more damage is done to his (not inconsiderable) dignity: "For male adults of sound mind," he says, "the days of breeches and tights and buckled shoes should really go."

Lord Irvine's mind is more than sound: it is very fine. So is the Lord Chancellor's ceremonial uniform, with its lavishly gold-braided gown, ruffled collar and cuffs, and wig that extends well below his shoulders. This regalia he will continue to wear for all formal occasions.

The rub comes with his "everyday" wear of wig, black gown, breeches, tights and buckles. The Lord Chancellor proposes, like a newsreader behind a desk in suit jacket, tie and jeans, to dispense with flummery for his bottom half, while retaining it for the top. He wants to be allowed to wear normal black trousers,

socks and shoes instead. This is not so much traditional values in a modern setting as modern gear in a traditional setting. And Lord Irvine has a point. Women are used to wearing tights all day but men, in these matters, are the weaker sex. The Lord Chancellor should certainly be saved the embarrassment of having to bulk-buy large black opaques at his local Boots. For he cannot afford to risk the scorn he would endure if he sent his driver out for them instead.

Lord Irvine is keen on creature comforts. He has already "modernised" his flat - in estate-agent parlance, if not in choice of wallpaper. His predecessor but one, Lord Hailsham, described the "austere discomfort" of the apartment in Lord Gardiner's day, so this Lord Chancellor has turned the place around. He has also won the right to turn his back on the monarch and walk forwards instead of backwards after handing her the Queen's Speech. Only Lord Hailsham, because of his arthritis. has recently been given such an exemption. Lord Irvine's affliction is psychological rather than physical: he suffers injury not to joints but to pride.

But on his uniform, the current Lord Chancellor has an excellent case. The garb he has to wear today makes him melt into the furniture: he looks more like part of the House than part of the Lords. Perhaps he has discovered a duty to distance himself from predecessors such as Cardinal Wolsey. As that illustrious Lord Chancellor might well have said: "Off with his tights!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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testing at work

From Mr Anthony Morton-Hooper

Sir. Dr Patrick Dixon enthuses about the efficacy of workplace drug testing (Feature, "Why we must have drug tests at work", November 5). Sensibly, he acknowledges the importance of education and the primacy of deterrence over punishment.
The experience of drug testing in

sport offers some guidance and warnings to businesses, and also schools, where drug testing is being introduced. The world of sport has struggled for decades to get its policies right and that world is as much infected by the persistent errors and injustices committed by over-realous governing bodies who fail to accept the limitations and fallibilities of their drug testing policies as by the activities of the cheating player or

It is only when the consequences of those errors and injustices are considered that sufficient attention will be paid to the need for proper safeguards. The only system of testing deserving public confidence is one which balances toughness of purpose with scrupulous fairness. Drug testing procedures must protect the innocent, the whole process must have integrity (errors in sample collection will determine the analytical result), there can be innocent explanations for microscopic traces of banned compounds, and there must be recourse for the victim of the "false positive"

Drug testing in the workplace and in our schools may become the norm. However, if the errors and misjudgments seen in the sports world are repeated by businesses and schools there will be a substantial risk of failing to realise the underlying and legitimate objectives of the policy and a loss of public confidence.

Yours sincerely, TONY MORTON-HOOPER. Mishcon de Reya (solicitors) 21 Southampton Row, WCIB 5HS. November 6.

From Mr Stephen Young

Sir. Calling it a "huge success", Patrick Dixon tries his best to paint a friendly face on mass drug testing. now an institution here in America.

He offers little consideration, however, of employees who have done nothing to provoke such a degrading procedure. And what of the fears of employees hesitant to reveal medical conditions to employers? Drug screenings can detect legal drugs, as well as illegal drugs. Innocent employees can experience false positives, and drugusing employees may know how to generate false negatives.

Perhaps there are fewer positive drug test results now, as Dixon claims, but it would be ridiculous to assume that the process has had any actual impact on the American drug problem. Drug testing has been a success only as a business, profiting from a form of alchemy by which, at last, urine can be turned into gold with little expense, as long as an employee's dignity and privacy are overlooked as costs.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN YOUNG, 990 Borden Drive, Roselle, Illinois 60172 theyoungfamily@worldnet.att.net November 7.

School inspections

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers

Sir. Your leading article of November 4. "Commonsense and nonsense". misrepresents the NUT's position on school inspections. Far from ruling out independent inspections, the union has always seen them as important, but has argued for a balance between external inspection and internal evaluation.

indeed, the Chief Inspector of Schools, in his address to the NUT conference on November 3, stressed the importance of internal evaluation; and the government minister. Charles Clarke, stated at the conference that there was a total consensus on the need for a balance between the two.

Yours sincerely, DOUG McAVOY, General Secretary, National Union of Teachers, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, WCIH 9BD. November 4.

Debt paid

From the Ambassador of Belgium

Sir, Your Diarist reports [Battle lines", September 26) that the Belgian Government wrote "recently" to the eighth Duke of Wellington about annual payments to him in the wake of Waterloo, pointing out "it might be time to end the practice". Actually, we have - ten years ago. An amicable settlement with the Duke commuted the small annual payment into a lump sum, which took the form of a piece of

All these years Belgium has complied with an agreement (from 1817) that predates its own existence (1830). A true sign of respect for the first

Yours sincerely. LODE WILLEMS. Embassy of Belgium. 103 Eaton Square, SWIW 9AB. November 5.

Concern over drug Support for a royal remarriage

From the General Secretary of the Modern Churchpeople's Union

Sir, I notice that some of our episcopal Fathers in God are beginning to discuss the possibility of a remarriage of Prince Charles and Mrs Parker Bowles in church (report, November 6: letter, November 7).

In this respect they are following the lead of at least a good few of the clergy of the Church of England, hundreds of whom, like me, already conduct collectively thousands of remarriages in parish courches every

We do so in order to meet pastoral need and to represent the Christian Gospel as one which has at its heart the concept of forgiveness and new beginnings.

Should Charles and Camilla be looking for a venue and a minister to perform the ceremony there is no need for them to go to Crathie Kirk, I will be pleased to oblige. Further, and no doubt much later, I will also be glad to accept and welcome King Charles III with his consort as a happily married Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

Yours sincerely, NICHOLAS HENDERSON, General Secretary. Modern Churchpeople's Union, 25 Birch Grove, W3 9SP. November 6.

From Rabbi Dr Janathan Romain

Sir, Of course Prince Charles and Mrs Parker Bowles should be allowed to marry if they so wish, and with every blessing by religious establishments.
It would be more honest to formal-

maintain the current pretence, while a happily married monarch will function more effectively than an uneasily single one. Moreover, a royal wedding would

ise their relationship, rather than

reinforce the institution of marriage, as well as provide a better role model for the tens of thousands of other divorcees in Britain.

In addition, it is axiomatic to both Christianity and Judaism that misdemeanours can be repented and people released from the albatrosses around their necks. In this case, both individu-als have surely paid the price of enough personal unhappiness and public condemnation.

it is more religious to be charitable and forgiving than to bear grudges and force others to remain in the past. When the time comes, I for one shall have no hesitation in saying "Long live Queen Camilla".

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN ROMAIN, Maidenhead Synagogue, Boyn Hill Avenue, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 4ET. November 9.

From Councillor Alan Bradley

From Mr Leonard Manasseh

Sir, The decision by the Republic of France to award the Légion d'honneur, not only to her own surviving veterans of the Great War, but now to the few remaining British survivors as well (letter, November 7) is thoughtful and generous on this eightieth anniversary of that terrible war: a gesture of truly Gallic imagina-

Yours faithfully, LEONARD MANASSEH, 6 Bacon's Lane, Highgate Village, N6 6BL. November 8.

From the Vice-President of The Bevin Boys Association

Sir. The Bevin Boys Association is greatly indebted to Lord Mason of Barnsley and Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin (letter, November 6; photograph, early editions, and re-port, November 9) for making it possible for a contingent of ex-wartime Bevin Boys to parade at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. This was indeed a milestone in

Special thanks must also go to London Transport for the generous part they played in hosting our members on this memorable occa-

Yours, WARWICK H. TAYLOR, Vice-President, The Bevin Boys Association. 33 Sussex Street, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8TG. November 9

From Mr John Graham Sir, With reference to the Bevin Boys. the late T. F. Cattley, a teacher at Eton

Devolution warning

From Mr Nigel R. Smith

Sir, Professor Robert Hazell's warming yesterday (Riddell on Politics, November 5) that devolution will transform the British State and release powerful dynamic forces be-yond the Government's control should be widely heeded. As chairman of the "Yes" campaign during the Scottish devolution referendum, I would add my view that if the reforms do not have these effects they will have failed Britain.

The Government's centralising language, so at odds with the reforms, is causing confusion among British institutions considering their response to devolution. By encouraging the view that organisations not affected by legislation are not affected at all, the Government is limiting the potential for unlegislated responses to make a valuable contribution to the success of the reforms. Responding to

Rector of Stiffkey

From the Reverend Geoffrey Kemble Johnson

Sir, Readers of Matthew Parris's account of the "martyrdom" of the Reverend Harold Davidson, Rector of Stiffkey (Weekend, November 7), may be interested in an account I heard broadcast on radio many years ago.

The widow of the lion-tarner told how the unfrocked rector saw a pretty girl in the audience and began waving to her. Carelessly, be trod on the tail of a lioness which was with him in the cage, causing her to growl, whereupon Freddie, the lion, bit Davidson in the throat, inflicting injuries from which he died. I recall the lady declaring that it was entirely Davidson's own fault, "because he wasn't paying attention".

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY K. JOHNSON. 53 St Walstan's Road, Taverham, Norwich NR8 6NG. College, wrote some verses in their

I recall them as follows: To be an airman, that is why He joined the ATC, But he's a miner now, because His number ends in three. He does not lose his sense of fun. He does not peak or pine. He merely says, "Were mine the choice, The choice would not be mine,"

Ever more worthy of remembrance

Yours faithfully, JOHN GRAHAM, 21 Warwick Avenue, W9 2PS. November 9.

From Mr Andrew Rowe. MP for Faversham and Mid Kent (Conservative)

Sir. My late uncle told me the following story which illuminates the ceremony at the Cenotaph yesterday. He was serving on a sector in France where every afternoon Ger-man artillery shelled the road between the front and staff HQ. The bombardment started at 3pm precisely and lasted for exactly 30 minutes. The staff required a report on the situation to be delivered to HQ at 4pm precisely. The result was that several roung officers were killed. On one of my uncle's visits he suggested that perhaps the staff could receive the report at a time which would avoid

the barrage.
"I shall choose to forget that I ever heard that," said the staff officer. "It is the most lily-livered thing I have ever heard; you are very fortunate not to be put on a charge." And so the

procedure continued. My uncle later won a Military Cross for rescuing a soldier from a burning ammunition store.

For example, take your recent report (early editions, October 10) of

the difficulties the BBC is having with

devolution and suppose the BBC fails

to keep pace with its audience in Scotland. Then imagine how much

more difficult renewal of the BBC

licence fee becomes with the Scottish

parliament expressing audience dis-

The licence is not within the legal

competence of the Scottish parlia-ment, yet it is clear that the resolution

of the Scottish parliament could not be entirely ignored. By such means will the new political forces after

Yours faithfully, House of Commons.

November 9.

the letter of the law rather than the spirit of reform will greatly affect the dynamics of which Professor Hazell

warns.

satisfaction.

Britain.

Glenview,

November 6.

From the Reverend E. J. Penny

Yours sincerely, NIGEL R. SMITH,

2 Crosshouse Road,

Sir, I have never heard the name of Harold Davidson's old parish pronounced by those who live there as anything but Stiffkey, though the village may have been called Stewkey in the past as Matthew Parris claims.

Campsie Glen, Glasgow G65 7AD.

Villagers who remember Harold Davidson speak of him with great affection. He showed generosity to those in need and treated his parishioners with much care and kindness. May he rest in peace.

Yours sincerely. JOHN PENNY (Priest in Charge of the Stiffkey Benefice), The Vicarage, 2 Holt Road, Langham, Norfolk NR25 7BX. November 7.

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Dome cash 'could transform the arts'

From Mrs Doris Lessing

Sir, What Peter Mandelson doesn't understand (Matthew Parris's sketch, November 10) is that opposition to the Dome is because people know that the money spent on it could transform. for instance, the arts - which is what this country is really good at. This Government, like the one before it, is unable to see the arts as anything more than a whingeing Oliver Twist. The theatre is dying. When these short-sighted people are standing over the corpse of what is admired by the whole world, we will hear them say -- as we have so many blundering governments in various contexts: "Oh

dear, we made a mistake."
In New York a theatre died recently from lack of funding. Within a year the cafes, restaurants, dress shops. food shops, beauty parlours and car firms had gone, and the whole area has returned to its pre-theatre state of dereliction. "Oh dear, we made a mistake."

Yours faithfully, DORIS LESSING, 24 Gnndar Gardens, NW6 1HG. November 10.

St James's development

Sir, Mr Dominie Elliot and his co-signatories write (letter, November 5) of the "unique concentration" of historic buildings in St James's. Westminster Council recognises that the special character of St James's Street needs to be protected. That is why we recently refused permission for yet another restaurant, as their recent proliferation in the street now threatens that character.

However, the proposed 120-bedroom first-class hotel in the old Bath Club at No 74 will bring back into entirely suitable use this superb Grade 11* listed building. Its magnificent interiors will be faithfully restored to their original appearance. A new staircase will sympathetically ally the best of modern design to the revitalisation of the old. Local residents' amenity will be protected by conditions and legal agreement.

My committee warmly welcomed the scheme, which has the support of English Heritage, and granted permission last night.

Yours faithfully, ALAN BRADLEY (Chairman, Environment and Planning Committee). City of Westminster, PO Box 240, Westminster City Hall, November 6.

Hastings battleground

From Councillor John Southam

Sir. Professor Richard Holmes wrote (letter, November 5) "Let us hope that the [Rother District Council] planning committee holds its ground" against an application by English Heritage to build a road on the site of the Battle of Hastings. I should make clear that with an English Heritage site it is the Secretary of State who determines the application - the planning committee are simply consultees.

The proposal concerns continued use of a track that runs along the edge of the field and has been a regular vehicular access to the walled garden by English Heritage for years. The cafe and exhibition centre are to be placed within the garden and hidden from the battlefield behind these

In any event, English Heritage has now withdrawn the application to enable a better understanding by those who wish to comment.

JOHN SOUTHAM (Chairman, Rother District Council Planning Committee), l Tanyard Cottages, Battle Hill. Battle, East Sussex TN33 0BH. claverham_edu@msn.com

No 10 briefing

From Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly

Sir. Is your Letters page, usually full of interesting views on important matters, so lacking today in contributions that we have to be subjected to approximately 13 column inches of Alastair Campbell trying, with little success, to justify a major cock-up in his news management?

Yours truly. LOUIS LÉ BAILLY. Garlands House, St Tudy, Bodmin, Cornwall PL30 3NN. November 9.

From start to finish

From Mr John Keevill

Sir. Rather than learning how to cook. eat and wash up (letters, October 30 and November 3), I believe your correspondents would benefit most from a short, technical television programme called How to switch off.

Yours faithfully, JOHN KEEVILL Forest Oak, Milton Road, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 1DD. john@towerleasing.co.uk November 3.



COURT CIRCULAR

Colonel-in-Chief, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), upon

relinquishing his appointment as

The Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded Miss Jane Walker-Okeo-

ver as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

Her Royal Highness this after-noon opened the Dental and Day Surgery building at St George's Hospital. Blackshew Road, Toot-

The Prin ess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, afterwards

opened Si George's Clinical Vac-cine Institute at Si George's Hospi-

tal Medical School. Cranmer Ter-

race. Tooting, South West London. Her Royal Highness, Honorary

Air Commodore. University of London Air Squadron, later re-

ceived Wing Commander Ronald

Powell RAF upon refinguishing his

appointment as Officer Command-ing the Squadron and Wing

Commander Andrew Stewart RA

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-

upon assuming the appointment.

Chief The King's Royal Hussars, this evening attended the 1998 Officers Dinner at the Cavalry and

Guards Club. Piccadilly, London.

lovember 10: The Princess Marga-

ret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Royal

Army Nursing Corps, this evening

visited 256 [City of London) Field Hospital (Volunteers). Braganza Street, Walworth, South East Lon-

ovember 10: The Duke of Glouces-

ter this evening attended a Recep-tion and Concert in aid of the

London Youth Trust at the Spanish

Embassy, Belgrave Square, Lon-

November 10: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman, British Overseas

Trade Board, this morning visited the Dome of the Rock and the Al

Aqsa Mosque, Jerusalem, Israel.

His Royal Highness later visited St. John's Ophthalmic Hospital,

The Duke of Kent this afternoon

called upon The President of the Palestinian National Authority.

His Royal Highness this evening anended the Annual Din-ner of the Israel-Britain Chamber

of Commerce at the Hilton Hotel,

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Commanding Officer.

minster, London.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 10: His Excellency Mr Humberto de la Calle-Lombana was received in audience by The Queen today and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecess or and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Republic of Colombia to the Court of St James's.

Mrs de la Calle-Lombana was also received by Her Majesty. Mr John Shepherd (Deputy Under-Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Officel was

General Sir Samuel Cowan was received by The Queen upon his appointment as Chief of Defence

The following were received in audience by Her Majesty upon their appointment as British High Commissioners: Mr Stuart Laing (Brunei Darussalani) and Mr Brian Donaldson (the Republic of

Mrs Laine and Mrs Donaldson were also received by The Queen. Mr Ivor Rawlinson was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointmem as Her Majesty's Ambassa-dor to the Republic of Tunisia.

Mrs Rawlinson was also received by Her Majesty. The Queen this afternoon departed Royal Air Force Northoli for France and was later received at Villacoubley Airport by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the French epublic (His Excellency Sir

Michael Jay) The Duke of Edinburgh this morning departed Royal Air Force Northolf for the Republic of Ire-

His Royal Highness, having arrived at Baldonnel Airport, Dublin, called upon The President of the Republic of Ireland at the Residence. Aras an Uachtarain,

Phoenix Park The Duke of Edinburgh. Founder and Chairman. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, afterwards launched the Millennium Encounter (an international gathering of poten-tial Award leaders) at Dublin

His Royal Highness subsequent-ly called upon the Taoiseach IMr Bertie Aherni at Government Buildings, Dublin. Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis is

Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE November 10: Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Everand today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

The Queen will visit France and attend a ceremony to mark Remembrance Day and the 80th anniversary of the end of the First World War at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris at II.00; and will appear a stance of Sir

will unveil a statue of Sir Winston Churchill in Avenue Winston Churchill at 1.55. Later.

she will lay a wreath at the Peace Tower, Mesen, [Messines]. Bel-gium, at 4.25; and will arrend a

ceremony at the Menin Gate in leper (Ypres), at 4.55.

The Princess Royal will open the renovated Liverpool Medical Institution, fl4 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, at 12 fb; will open the Walton Centre for Neurosurgery and Neurology, Fazackerley, at 2.00; will open the Henry Cotton Campus 81 Liverpool John Moores University, Trueman Street, at 11.05; and as patron. Victim Support, will attend the annual guest lecture at The

annual guest lecture at The Brewery, Chiswell Street, at 5.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will

attend a reception to mark the re-opening of the Courtauld Gal-lery. Courtauld Institute of Art.

Memorial service

Mr Percy Grieve, QC The Ambassador of Luxembourg attended and the French Ambassador was represented by M Christo-phe Penot at a service of thanksgive one retroit at a service of manusgro-ing for the life of Mr Percy Grieve, QC. held on Monday at the Temple Church. Canon Joseph Robinson, Master of the Temple.

Mr Peter Kerr Dineen, son-ir law, read the lesson and Mrs Caroline Grieve, daughte in-law, read The Pearl by George Herbert, Mr Dominic Grieve, MP, son, gave an address.

The Treasurer of the Middle Temple and the President of the Family Division attended. Among November 10: The Princess Royal, Patron. the Basic Skills Agency, this morning attended the Annual Conference at The Queen Eliza-beth II Conference Centre, West-minster London others present were:

Mr and Mrs Parinck Jackel (half-brother and sines-in-law). Mrs Ferqus Ramsay and other members of the family.

Lord Hone of Aberawa. CH. QC. and Lady Hone. Lord Parkinson. Lord Lane, Lord and Lady Strabolel. Lord Blaker. Lane, Duncar-Sandys. Lord Wilberforce, QC. and Lady Wilberforce. Lord Campbell of Alleway. QC. Lord Shynn of Hadley (Lucenbourg Society) and Lady Shynn. Lord Shaw of Northstead. Lord and Lady Dunboyne. Lord Wigoder. QC. Lady Nicholls of Sirkenbead. Lord Mayhew of Twysden. QC Lord Lord Lord Lord.

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The Hom Robert and Mrs Boscawen, the Hom Sir Archibald Hamilton. MP. Mrs Enoch Powell, the Hom Toby and Mrs. Jessel. the Hom Gavin Hamilton. Sir Robert and Lady Lindsay of Dowhill. Sir Anthony, and Lady Lindsay of Dowhill. Sir Anthony, and Lady Lindsay of Dowhill. Sir Anthony and Lady Lindsay Dodds-Parker. Sir John Fretwell ketairman. Franco-British Society with Mr Richard Pedbett and other members of the society.

Sir Edward Jackson tchairman. Angin-Belgian Society. Sir Nicholas and Lady Bayne. Lady Lowry. QC. Sir William van Straubennee. Sir Doddey Smith (also representing Western European Unica. Assembly). Mr Justice tan Kennady. Mr Justice Garrand. Sir Ralph and Lady Kilner Brown. Sir Sydney Chapman. Mp. Sir John Wells. Sir Frank and Lady White. Sin Douglas Falconer. Sir Kenneth and Lady Hollings. Sir Reginald Hilbhert. Sir Charles McCuliough. Sir Colin Cole Barron Vass. Mr Justice Hunt (Leader, Midland & Octord Circuit). Mrs Estne. Grieve, Mr and Mrs Francis Jacobs. Judge Houlmin. QC. Judge Havery. QC. Judge Bowsher. QC. Judge Brown. His Homour George Dobry. Qc. Mr Philip Cax. QC. and Mrs Co. Mr John Brisby, Qt. and Mrs Brisby. Wr I am Burnest. QC. Mr Daniel Hollis. QC. And Mrs Hollings. Mr Lands Houlmin. QC. Mr Daniel Hollis. QC. And Mrs Hollings. Mr Lands Homour George Dobry. QC. Mr Philip Cax. QC. and Mrs Carliste, Mr Leslie Joseph. QC. Mr Hunter Browne, QC. Mr Edward Garnier. QC. Mr Daniel Hollis. QC. Probassor Douglas Johnson. Dr Peter Cannon-Brookes. Mr and Mrs Brisby. Mr and Mrs J Chapter. Mr Leslie Joseph. Mr and

Bristow,

Mr Paul Helm, Mr Ernle Money, Mr
Peter Jennings, Mrs Geoffrey Huston, Mr
Stephen Waine, Mr Tim Clarke, Miss
Lavender Hastie, Mr Alex Karmel, Ms
Tamia Brishy, Mr and Mrs Manthew
Carrington, Mr Mark Bishop,

Mr John Tayler, MP (representing the
Solidual Conservative Association), Mr F F J
Goddard (Alliance Francaise) and Mrs
Geoddard, and many other friends

Birthdays today

Professor T.E. Allibone, FRS, physicist, 95: Mr Harry Bramma, former Director, Royal School of Church Music, 62: Lord Carr of Hadley, 82; Rear-Admiral Sir Ni-gel Cecil, 73; Mr Jonathan Fenby, former Editor, The Observer, 56; land football manager, 77; Air Marshal Sir Donald Hall, 68; Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, 78; Sir Harold Kent. QC, 95: Sir Alister Kneller, former Chief Justice of Gibraliar, 71: Mr Rodney Marsh, Australian cricketer 51; Miss Demi Moore, actress, 36; Miss Cristina Odone, former Editor, Catholic Herald, 38; Dr Indraprasad Patel, KBE, former director, London School of Economics and Political Science, 74; Mr James Roose-Evans, theatre director and writer, 7l:Mr Richard Rowe, racehorse trainer, 39: Mr John Sheffield, former chairman, Norcros, 85: Sir Peter Shepheard, architect, 85: General Sir Walter Welker, St; Miss June Whitfield, actress, 73:

Lord Wolfson, 71.

Mr David John Chinery to be a provincial superdiary magistrate for the West Mid-lands, based at birmingham.

DEATHS

SROCK - Rosemary,
peacefully at home on
November 9th, widow of
Admirel Bill Brock and of
Major Richard Harriaoa
Stanton. Much loved
mother of Philip and
Diana. Thanksgiving
Service Friday. November
[3th at 3.00 pm. St.
Bartholomew's,
Hasfemera, Donations in
her memory may be sent to
MacMillan Nurses c/o G.
M. Luff & Partners, Ltd.,
84 Lion Lane, Haslemera,
Surrey. (61428 6435241.

BUCHANAN - Patrick Bury.
On 5th November 1998,
peacefully, in Providence,
Rhode Island. Much loved
hy bis wife, stepchildren,
family and triends. A
Memorial Service will be
held at Gargunnock Parish
Church on Wednesday
18th November at 11.30
am. Family flowers cally
but donations if desired to
Strathcarroa Hospice.

DAWES - On 7th October,
1998 at St. Luke's Hospital,
Kilkenny, Lieut, Col.
Richard Arthur Aston.
M.C. IDicki 5th Duke of
Connaught's Own Lancers
(Watson's Horset Indian
Army (Ret'd).
Prumplestown House,
Castledermot, Co. Kildare,
in his 8-th year. Dearly
loved husband of Aadrey,
devoted father of Gethyn
and grandfather of
Jennifer and Richard.
Funeral Service took place
on October 10th followed
by private cremation.



Chris Gravett, senior curator, and Clair Curtis of the Royal Armouries staff on manouvres with armour made for King Henry VIII in 1540

The Tower of London orders its arms for the Queen

By JOHN YOUNG

EIGHT years of work re-organising, refurbishing and redisplaying the Royal Armouries' matchless collection of historic arms and armour will be marked by a visit by the Queen to the Tower of London on Friday.

By the beginning of this decade the collection, amassed over nearly ten centuries of warfare, had far exceeded the space available to display it. A decision was therefore made to move the heavier weaponry to the restored Fort Nelson. near Portsmouth, and to install much of the rest in a new purpose-built museum in Leeds. which opened two years ago.

As a result there is at last room for proper space and attention to be given to those items which have a direct historical connection with the Tower itself, some of which will be on public display for the first time this century. But even this reduced collection occupies no fewer than nine new galleries within Henry the First's White Tower at the heart of the fortress.

Among those to be visited by the Queen are the Royal Armour Gallery, devoted to the treasures of the Tudor and Stuart dynasties. including four suits of armour made for Henry VIII, and others which belonged to the ill-lated Charles I and James II. They were largely the product of the workshops established by Henry at Greenwich to show that English craftsmen were capable of matching anything from Germany or Italy.

The Line of Kings and the Spanish Armoury are re-creations of the displays mounted after

the Restoration in 1660, the first time that the paying public were admitted to the Tower. The former includes 12 life-size 17th-century wooden horses carved by some of the country's finest craftsmen, including the peerless Grinling

The original Spanish Armoury was opened during the reign of Charles fl to present the monarchy as a popular patriotic insulturion after II years of republicanism.

The items on display, including instruments of torture, were said to have been captured from the deleated Spanish Armada nearly a century earlier; not true, but late 20th-century visitors will be able to see a fearsome executioner's axe. nicknamed the Scavenger's Daughter, and the block made for the execution of Simon Fraser. Lord Lovat, in 1747, the last public beheading in England.

Many of the trophies of war amassed during earlier centuries were lost in the blaze that gutted the Grand Storehouse in 1841. The tragedy is recalled in a mass display in the Small Armoury of hundreds of 19th-century firearms.

The gallery also contains the weapons - two blunderbusses and a Scottish sporting flintlock - gun taken from the conspirators who plotted to assassinate William III in 1696.

Guy Wilson, Master of the Armouries, said yesterday: "After eight years we have at last been able to devote ourselves to the display of collections that are historically connected with the Tower. This is as it should be. The Royal Armouries has in effect returned to its roots."

> The Rev Dr Anne Barton, Chaplain, King Alfred's College (Winchester), to be diocesan development and research officer for liturgical matters (same dio-

> The Rev Murray Brown, Vicar, Thorne (Sheffield), to be Vicar, Norion Woodseats St Paul (same diocese).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. Briggs and Miss S.E. Boxall The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs Clive Briggs, of Sevenoaks. Kenn and Sarah Elizabeth, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Bruce Boxall. of Martlesham Heath. Suffolk. Mr P.T.H. Clough

and Miss J.A. Dunn The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs Tom Clough, of West Mud-ford, Somersel, and Judith, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs William Scott Dunn, of Meonstoke, Hampshire, Dr R.I. Cutress

and Miss E.C. Swanto The engagement is announced between Ramsey, eldest son of Mr and Mrs I.W. Curress, of Hemingford Grey. Cambridgeshire. and Clare. daughter of Mr and Mrs R.G.F. Swanton, of Sandbanks. Dorset, (formerly of Marlborough.

Wiltshire). Mr R.J.S. Miller and Miss E.A.G. Hill The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the late Perer Miller, of Thornage, Norfolk, and of Mrs Sheila Miller, of Stiffkey, Norfolk, and Eliza, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alick "Bim" Hill, of Ashwicken, Norfolk,

nd Miss S.A. Soubeyran The engagement is announced between Nicholas Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Foster, of The Rhos, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire and Sandrine Ann. daughter of M and Mme Gerard Soubeyran, of Tesse-la-Madeleine. Lower Normandy.

Mr A.C.T. Inglis and Miss O.S. Arminage The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mrs kit Inglis and the late Major Kit Inglis, of Llansantfiraed, Brecon, and Olivia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Armitage, of Old Scriven, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire.

Marriage

Mr T.E.S. Lynch and Mrs J.R. Wicks A service of blessing was held at Holy Trinity Church, Rudgwick, West Sussex, on Saturday, November 7. after the marriage of Thomas E.S. Lynch and Joanna Ruth Wicks (nee Collett) in the presence of their children, Megan Lynch. Jennifer and Katharine Wicks. The Rev Richard Jackson

Service dinners The King's Royal Hussars

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, was present at the regimental dinner of The King's Royal Hussars held last night gt the Cavalry and Guards Club, Briga-dier E.C.W. Morrison, Colonel of the Regiment, presided. HMS Sultan

Rear-Admiral I.R. Henderson. Flag Officer Naval Aviation, pro-posed the toast to The Men of Taranto at a dinner held last night in HMS Sultan to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Taran-to. Commander R.T. Govan. RN,

The Royal Air Force Regiment Group Captain R.C. Moore. MBE. presided at the annual dinner of the Royal Air Force Regiment Officers' Dinner Club, held on Friday, November to, in the Depot Officers Mess, RAF Honington. Air Chief Marshal Sir John Alfi-son. Air Officer Commanding in Chief, RAF Strike Command, was the principal guest,

Dinners

Queen Mary and Westfield College Professor Adrian Smith. Principal of Queen Mary and Westfield College, London University, and Sir Christopher France, chairman Sir Christopher France, chairman of council, presided at a dinner held last night at the college. Among others present were: Eatl Anice, the Bahary of Suppey, Dr Jack Cunningham, MP, Professer lips Aleksander, Professor Brian Fewler, Dr Tim Holt, Professor Brian Fewler, Dr Tim Holt, Professor Brian Fewler, Dr Tim Holt, Professor Rehard Marks, Professor B J Printing, FBA, Er Molly Scores, Mr R P Smith, Mr Alahluddan Taha, Mr David Willetts, MP, M Thang Warnick, Mt Rosse Watertware and Mt Stanley Wingh

The British-Ukrainian Law

The Association held its 5th anniversary dinner at Middle Temple on November 9. The President Lord Howe of Aberavon, CH, PC. QC. was in the chair. The guest of honour Professor Vofodymyr Vassylenko, Ukrainian Ambassador, General Dental Council

Dr Margarel Seward, President. and Members of the General Dental Council held a Dinner yesterday at 37 Wimpole Street. London, Mr Christopher Kenyon, Chairman of the Quality Assur-ance Agency fur Higher Educarion, accompanied by Mrs Kenyon, was the principal guest.

Hazards Forum Professor P.A. Bennett, Chairman of the Hazards Forum, presided at a dinner discussion held last night at the Athenaeum, Dr D. Rayner and Mr S.S.J. Robertson spoke... Foundation for Science and

Technology Lord Jenkin of Roding, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a dinner discussion held fast night at the Trafafgar Tavern. Greenwich, after a visit to the

Millennium Dame

Luncheons

Tallow Chandlers' Company The High Commissioner for Aus-The High Conmissioner for Australia was present at a function held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers Hall after being admitted to the Freedom of the Tallow Chandlers Company, During the function Mr Tom Dunkley and Mr Piers Hudson received the 1998 Imber/Lloyd Tallow Chandlers Awards to Selwyn College, Cam-hridge, Mr R.A.B. Nicolle, Master, presided and Sir David Harrison. Master of Selwyn College, also

American Chamber of Commerce

Mr Chris Patten, CH, Chairman of the Indipendent Commission of Policing for Northern Ireland, was the guest of honour at an American Chamber of Commerce (UK) luncheon held yesierday at the Land-mark London. Mr Charles S. McVeigh III, president of the chamber, was in the chair.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Johann Albert Fabricius, scholar, Leipzig, 1668; Louis de Bougalnville, navigator and scien-tist, Paris, 1729; Fyodor Dos-loyevsky, novelist, Moscow, 1821; Paul Signac, painter, pioneer of Pointillism. Paris, 1863; Edouard Vuillard, painter, Ciusceaux. France, 1868; George Patton, American general of the Second World War, San Gabriel, California, 1885: Iain Madeod, politician, Skipton, Yorkshire, 1913.

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DEATHS: Johann Zolfany, theatrical painter, London, 1810; Soren Kierkegaard, philosopher, Copenhagen, 1858: Ned Kelly, outlaw, hanged, Melbourne, 1880: Thomas Trollope, writer, Clifton, Avon, 1892: Valentine Prinsep, artist. London, 1904: Sir Edward Gernian, composer, London, 1936; Sir (A.F.) Herbert, which politician, [97]: Alexander Calder.

sculptor, New York, 1976. The Allies and Germany signed an armistice at Ham, 1918 The Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, was unveiled and an Unknown Warrior was buried in

Rhodesia proclaimed a declaration

Wesnninster Abbey, 1920. of Independence, 1965.

Distillers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Distillers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr fan Coombs: Upper Warden, Mr Richard Nicholson: Middle Warden, Mr Roben Howell: Renier Warden, Mr Gerald

BMDS: 0171 680 6880

PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000

BIRTHS

DEATHS

VESSON - On 18th

Suptember 1998, to Amanda and Kevin, a son, Oliver James, a brother for Thomas and Alice.

BACKHOUSE - John
Anderson, H.C.A. Much
loved husband of AnneHeather Backhouse and
dearly loved father of
Saily-Anne, Jonathon and
James and dear
grandfather of SophieAnno. clied in the midst of
life on the 6th November
1998, aged 68 years. Family
Rowers only please,
donations if desired to the
British Heart Foundation
or Preston Royal Hospital
Heart and Long Unit of
Scales Funeral Directors,
134 Darwen Street,
Blackburn, Lanca, BB2
2AJ. Funeral on Friday
November 13th at St.
Wilfrid's Church,
Ribchester, at 11.00am.
followed by interment to
the churchyard. Eaquirles
01254 265311.

BEARDSWORTH - John

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BEARDSWORTH - John

Buds of Braunton Devon, suddenly on November 8th aged 72. Beloved busband of Daphne and much loved father of Elizabeth, Caroline and Louis, grandfather to Robert, Nicola, Rebecca, Gabriella, Imogen and Kiesen.

Funcal service at 5t.

Brannock's R.C. Church, Breenton, North Devon,

Brannock's R.C. Church, Brannock's R.C. Church, Street Devon, on Friday 15th November at 1.30pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations to either the Gurkha's Weifare Trust or the R.N.L.L. c/o L. Clarke and Sons Funeral Directors, Braunton, 0/27/ 813526.

I am the good shepherd; I know sown, and my own know hee, the father knows my and I know the father John 10: 14,15. BIRTHS

BOURDELON - On Novemb-4th (998 to Miranda Inée Farmer) and Patrick, a daughter Flora Mary, a sister for Isabel.

BURKE - On November 5th 1998. A beautiful baby girt Olivia Katherine Violet, to Jessica Inée Grand and Paul. Thanks to all at the

GATES - On Wodnesday 4th November 1998, to Laura (pée Cockcroft! and Andrew, a soa. Thomas Barnaby Clift, a brother for Tabitha.

HOLT - On September 10th 1998 to Sarah saée Liewellyn-Jonest and Oliver, a danghter, Alice Emma Liewellyn. MONCREUFFE - Cin 6th November to Mirea Peregrine a daughter.

NOBBS - On November 9th 1938, in Durham, to Charlotte Ince Mossi and Charles, a daughter, Emm Alice french, a elster lor Annie and Peter.

O'COMNOR - On November 4th 1998, to Kate mée Evansi and Jamie, a son, William Ellis. SCARE - To Susen and Neil, on 4th November 1998, at The Lindo Wing, St Mary's Hospital, London W2, a beautiful daughter. Georgis Hope Arminée. THANKI - On 22nd October 1998, in Highpate, to Catherine nee Spotswood and Sankim, a daaghter, Olivis Priya, a sister for Alexander and Onniel.

Church news Bishop of Hulme The Ven Stephen Richard Lowe.

Archdeacon of Sheffield, to be Suffragan Bishop of Hulme in the Manchester Diocese in succession to the Right Rev Colin John Fraser

Bishop of Leicester The Right Rev Tim Stevens, Suffragan Bishop of Dunwich, Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be Bishop of Leicester in succession to the Right Rev Dr Thomas Butler who is now Bishop of Southwark.

Scott on his resignation on December 31.

Royal engagements

new County Headquarters, Training and Resource Centre for Greater Manchester North Scouts, Rochdale Road, Middle-ton, Greater Manchester, at 3.30.

Somerset House, at 6.45. Princess Alexandra will visit the Springhill Hospice, Broad Lane, Rochdale, at 2.05 to mark the 10th anniversary of the opening of the hospice; and will open the new County Headmarker.

Appointment

diocese).

PERSONAL COLUMN

FRENCH - née Barnett O.B.E., Olive, lormer Director of the Savoy Hotol, on November 9th 1998, at the Old Probendal House, aged 91 years. Widow of Martin French. Widow of Martia French.
Fineral service to take
place at Oxford
Crematorium on
Wodnosday 18th
November at 2.00pm, No
flowers. Donations in
memory for the Salvalioa
Army c/o E. Taylor & Son,
21 Corphet Road.

de WINTON - Mary Kathleen, on 7th November aged 95 yoars. Funeral at The Church of St Mary Magdalene, New Milton on 33rd November at 12,30. DOSSETOR - The Reverend Frank Died peacefully in Salisbury on 7th November 1998. Fumeral Service on Thursday 19th November 2.2.45 pm at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Sarum St. Martin's Church, c/o I.N. Newman Ltd.. Griffin House, 55 Winchester Streat, Salisbury SP! IHL.

DYCKHOFF - Eric Bernard Charles, Solicitor, of Cheadle, Cheshire. Died pescafully on November 8th. 1998 after a short illness. Widower of Muriel and Jean, and loving father of Elisabeth and Roy. Father-in-law of Cedilia, and grandfather of Livia and Max. For Juners details please contact Jonathan Alcock & Sons Ltd. Tel 0161 428 2097.

NTZPERSENT - On
November 5th at the
Derbyshire Royal
Infirmary after a brief
illners, Ann aged 8f. Much
loved sunt and great-sant.
Crematica private, but
Memorial Service to be
held at St. Marry's
Tissington, near

Church news

The Rev Joseph Ayok-Locwenberg.

Priest-in-Charge. Symondsbury and Chideock (Salisbury). to be Team Vicar. Marshwood Vale

Canon Geoff Babb, Diocesan Di-

rector of CME, and Priest-in-

Appointments

(same diocese)

GAWORSKI - On 5th
November 1998, Andrew suddenly at home, beloved husband of Janice and father of Adam and Jossia. Service at Randalls Park Crematerium, Leatherhead on Tuesday 17th November at 3pm. Enquiries to A & E Longhurst Tel: 0181 393 1077.

GODEN - Rumer Godden
(Haynes-Dixton) died
peacafully in her sleep on
Sunday 8th November in
her 91st year. Dear mother
of Jane and Paula, greatly
leved by her family and
friends and those who
knew her in her literary
tife. A privato requiem
mass for family and
friends will be held at
Maxwelton Chapel.
Moniaive, Dumiriesshire
on Monday 16th November
at 11.30am followed by a
private cremation A
Service calchrating the life
and work of Rumer
Godden will be held at St
Anthony's Church, Ryo.
Sussex on Docember 10th
1998 at 12 noon, Family
flowers only please,
donations if desired to: Dr flowers only please, douations if desired to: Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong, C/D Miss V Cassis 21 Balmoral Place

Edinburgh. EH3 5JA.

RSARD-DAVIES - Nan of Stow-on-the-Wold. peacefully in hospital on November 8th 1983, aged 87. Loved mother of Evan and David, grandmother of Hugh and Olivia. Requiem Mass at St. Kenclms Catholic Charch. Stow-on-the-Wold 12 noon 17th November. No flowers by request. flowers by request, donations to the Multiple Sciences Society o'e W. J. Wright, Funeral Director, Well Lane, Slow-on-the-Weld, GL54 1DG.

Charge, Sulford Sacred Trinity

(Marichesler), to be Priest-in-Charge, Wythenshawe St Martin,

and Team Rector designate.

The Rev Peter Barnett, Priest-in-

Charge, Clifton St Anne | Manches-

ter). to be also Priest-in- Charge,

Clifton Green St Thomas (same

Wythenshawe (same diocese).

WANTES - Peter Into Catherine Criminal of Catherine Griffichal of Swamsen, suddenly on November 6th 1998. Beloved wife of Bill, dearly fored mother of Liz, Sarah and Chris. Cremation at Margam Crematorium on Friday November 13th at 2.00pm, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for her life, 1.00pm at St. Paul's Charch. Skotty, Swamsen. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Guides Cymru.

cemetery 3.00 pm. Flor to Sam Beare Ward, Weybridge Hospital, Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund

tee - Dennis George of
Weybridge, Surrey aged 70
years died suddenly on 5th
November 1928. At rost
now with our Lord and
rounied with his wife
Maareen 18th April 1984.
A much loved father,
Iriond and member of the
community, Funeral St.
James Parish Church.
Weybridge at 2.00 pm.
Thursday 12th November.
Intermont at Weybridge
Cemetery J.00 pm. Flowers

William Davey (Toay) on Suaday 8th November 1998, aged 78 years. A beloved husband of May. A-dearly loved father of Gary, Virginia, Stephen and Martin, and a loving and Martin, and a loving Grandpa. Funeral Service at "St. Poters" Yaxley, on Friday 13th November at 11.00am followed by interment, Famuy flowers only, donations for Oncology Centre R&D Fund No:2550, Addembrooks Hospital, Cambridge CB2 20Q.

MENNELL - Anse Elizabeth
iNancyl died November
7th 1998. Greatly loved by
all ber family. Privata
Gremation followed by
Memorial Service at St.
Poter's Church,
Wolvercoto, Oxford,
Wednesday November
18th at 12 neon. No
Ilowers.

MINER - Veranico Inée Villiers widow of Ray Milner C.C. O.C. of Qualicum Beach, Britteh Columbia and provinual of Quamond FitzCoruld of Cesmond FitzGerald 28th Knight of Glin died pascelally at Qualicum Beach 5th November 1998 Funeral Qualicum Beach 12 am 13th November 1998. Yvonae, aged 87, suddenly and andly died on October 26th, following a fall. Much loved and dearly missed by Gall and family who sincerely thank ell who altended fine luneral service and expression. who altended the tuperate service and expressed loving messages in memory of Yvonne. Enquiries to R. A. Brooks & Son. Haywards Hosth. tol: (01444) 454391.

MORETON - Rosie Moreton of Saddell widow of Pat, Poscefully in Campbeltown Hospital on 8th November aged 90. Will be sadly missed by her beloved and loving Jamily and by many others ber kaow her as Clid Gran. Burial private, A service to celobrate hor life to which all Irlends are welcome will be beld in St. Kisran's Scottish Episcopal Courch, Campbeltown, an Solurdsy, 14th November at 2.30 pm. No bought Nowers, donations in lieu if wished to the Directorate Manager, Argyli and Buta NHS Trust, Campbeltown Hospital.

To place death notices, acknowledgements

or notices please call

0171 680 6880

TRADE: 0171 481 1982

FAX: 0171 481 9313 OLLOCK - Dr. George aged RDLLS - Elleen Elaiae of

Mifsom

*OLLOCK - Dr. George aged 89 years, of Wellington, on 5th November, 1998. Funeral Service, 2 00pm Monday 16th November at Shrowsbury Crematorium No Dowers by request please, donations if desired to the Wollington Collage Hospital Appeal Fund, Enquiries please to Harry Edwards and Sons. Tel:01952 244949. POLLOCK - Erskine Reginald Soton Pollock of Weston-auper-Mare, on November and, pencefully, aged 93.

OOLEY - née Welch, On November 10th 1998, poscafully, Lamorna Pooley T. D. Iknown as Elizabeth in the A.T.S. Much loved mother of Gillian and Diana and grandmother of Hugh grandmother of Hugh Funoral Sorvice at St. Dehys' Church. Rotberfield on Monday November 16th at 12:00 noon. Flowers and all enquiries please to Paul Bysouth Fuzeral Service Crowborough 1018921 655000.

PRIGG - John Alfred, passed away peacefully on 9th November, 1998 in Salisbury aged 8t years, Funoral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Tuesday 17th November, 1938, at 3,00pm, All enquiries eto I.N. Nowman Ltd., Funeral Directors, Salisbury, 01722 413136

PROUDFOOT: Margare: of Woodbridge Suffolk. on 9th November aged 82 years, peacefully after a bravoly borne lilness. Widow of the late Roginald John Proudfont. Enquiries in WH Shephard Funeral Directors, Tel: 01206 572305.

Lymiagioa, peacefully on 7th November at Southampton Ceneral Hospital No mourning please at her request. Enquiries to Diamond & Son Funcial Directors, Lymington 01590 672060.

SCHRYVER - Peter John died on November 9th 1998 at Epsom Ciatrict Hospital after a heart attack aged 86. Widower of Naacy and much loved father of Andrew, Etzabeth. Michael and Hugh, he was a proud grandfather of his clevea graadchildren and of his two greatgrandchildren. A private cremation will be followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's Church, Headley at 12 noon on Monday 16th Novembor. Family flowers oally. Donations to the Plaisterers Charitable Trust co Sherlock and Sons. Trellis House, South Street, Dorklag RH4 2ES.

SMITH - Wilfred aged 87 Flautist and Harp Maker. Dearly loved husband of Oaphao Ibboll. Service Monday November 16th at 330 pm Morelake Commission. No Heave a. No Howers Crematorium. No llowers but do please send donations to Alzheimers Research c/o Holmes & Daughters 461 Upper Richmond Road, East Sheen SW 14 7PU

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VANE - Kathleen (Kay), on November Rth 1998, peacefully at Chilton House, Dearly loved mother of Fiona. Christopher, Susan and Charles and much loved grandmother and great-grandmother Private

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PROFESSOR MARGARET GOWING

OBITUARIES

Margaret Gowing, CBE FRS, FBA, founding Professor of the History of Science, Oxford University, died on November 7 aged 77. She was born on April 25, 1921.

argarel Gowing enjoyed the rare dislinction shared Joseph Needham and Karl Popper - of being a Fellow of both the British Academy and the Royal Society. Her remarkable reputation was made in four different fields: as an official economic historian; as an authority on public records: as the doyenne of nuclear historians; and as Oxford's first Professor of the History of Science.

Born Margaret Elliott, the youngest of three clever children, she grew up poor in West Kensington. She was educated at the Portobello Road Elementary School and Christ's Hospital. She won a scholarship, which supported her sick and unemployed father as well as taking her to LSE where she gained a firstclass BSc in economics.

During the war she worked in the Board of Trade, 1941-45. Her first great opportunity came shortly after her marriage to Donald Gowing in 1944, when she went to work for Sir Keith Hancock at the Cabinet Office on the new war histories project. There she wrote a brilliant synoptic vol-ume. British War Economy (1949), with Hancock, who rated her contribution very highly. It was followed in 1952 by Civil Industry and Trade (1952), with E. L. Hargreaves.

During the next two years she was a member of Sir James Grigg's committee on departmental records. (Towards the end of its work, there was a race between the report and the expected Gowing baby.) The Grigg report of 1954 resulted in the 1958 Public Records Act, which created a modern public records system

for the United Kingdom. That 1958 Act was to have an unforeseeable but decisive influence on the rest of Gowing's life. One body not subject to the Act, because it was not a government department, was the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, set up in 1954. Conscious of the historic value of its records, however, it elected to be scheduled under the Act, and then sought an archivist/historian. Gowing was appointed in August 1959. The work proved to be

more interesting than she could ever have imagined.

The task, though, was daunting, for, as she often said, she 'didn't know an alom from a molecule". However, she was soon meeting and conversing with such legendary scientists as Niels Bohr, Sir James Chadwick and Rudolf Peierls, and building up a close circle of scientist friends. The UKAEA had opened up to her

a virgin field for research. with privileged access to a rich and unexplored store of prim-ary (and still classified) official sources, and she seized this unrivalled opportunity with both hands. Her revelatory book. Britain and Atomic Energy 1939-1945, was a triumphant success when it appeared in 1964. In 1966 Gowing took up a

post as Reader in Economic History at the University of Kent, and remained at Canterbury until 1973, continuing to work for the UKAEA part-time. It was a punishing workload, especially for a woman with a young family. The next book, Independence and Deterrence (written with Lorna Arnold), was in two massive volumes, covering Britain's nuclear policy-making and policy execution from 1945 to 1952. It was novel in its combination of international and nadonal policy, polidcal decision-making, scientific ideas and technological nuts and bolts.

Published in 1974, it was widely reviewed and greatly acclaimed at home and abroad; n at once became indispensable in its field and remains a classic, combining academic rigour with strong narrative and a lively, direct and highly readable style. in 1973 (when Independence

and Deterrence was completed but not yet published) Oxford University established a new chair in the history of science. Persuaded by a scienost friend to apply, Gowing did so with some diffidence, not expecting to be short-listed. But the university made an inspired choice and appointed her as Oxford's first Professor of the History of Science. It was another splendid opportunity, but a formidable one for a woman, an "outsider". and a non-scientist. She would have to explore a new environment and master wide new areas of study, at the same time continuing to work as the UKAEA historian, commut-

ing regularly to London. She met this manifold challenge with characteristic cour-



Gowing: in the nuclear industry she found a rich, untapped subject for historical research

age, ability and an apparently unlimited capacity for work. After she had overcome the inioal difficuldes, she greatly enjoyed her time in Oxford, and in the 14 years until her retirement she built up a strong tradioon of history of science, embracing its political, social and technological aspects.

Her interest in records continued. For eight years, 1974-82, she served on the Advisory Council on Public Records and for three, 1976-79. on the BBC Archives Advisory Committee. With her friend Nicholas Kurti in Oxford, concerned by the posthumous loss and destruction of many scientists' personal papers, she worked hard to establish the Contemporary Scientific Archives Centre and for 13 years, 1973-86, was its honorary director. (The centre is now at the University of Bath.)

By the late 1970s, with other contemporary historians, she felt that the 1958 Grigg system needed review. The Government set up an inquiry on public records under Sir Dun-can Wilson in 1978, and Gowing was one of its three members. She worked tirelessly on it for two years, travelling widely despite a painful back injury which obliged her to tour the United States in a heavy plaster. The Wilson committee reported in 1980, and showed itself a worthy successor to the Grigg committee of which she had been a youthful member almost thirty years before. She was appointed CBE in 1981.

Demands on her apparently boundless energy continued to grow - papers, articles and reviews; many important public lectures; working visits

overseas - to the United States, France, West Germany. The Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Japan, Australia and Israel. Perhaps understandably, there was no sequel to Independence and Deterrence. She worked quickly, always walked at top speed, and relaxed and rested little. She was generous with her time, could seldom if ever refuse anything that she was asked to undertake, and work was unremitting. Her former

summer holidays in Provence

with friends from LSE days

ceased, and nothing took their Of her many activities, the one that she most enjoyed was her association with the National Portrait Gallery for several years as a trustee. It was probably her best and truest recreation. She was also on the governing body of the Imperial War Museum, where she made a stand against museum charges, especially because of their effect on poor families, and resigned in protest when charges were introduced.

s a founder member of the Campaign for the Advancement of State Education in the early 1960s, she took part in official delegations (meeong Sir Edward Boyle, a Conservative Minister of Education whom she greatly admired) and she often spoke at public meetings, once sharing a plat-form with Margaret Thatcher, then a rising young MP.

An active Labour Party supporter and passionate so-cialist all her adult life, Gowing was totally opposed to Conservative politics in general and to Margaret Thatcher's poliocal ideas in particular. But, to her amusement rather than irritation, people noticed a marked resemblance between the two women — the high forehead, hooded blue eyes, strong nose, small pretty mouth, and pointed chin. There were surprising similarides of temperament, too.

After a working lifetime of high endeavour and distinguished achievement, Margaret Gowing retired in 1986. leaving a lasting legacy to scholarship in her published work, her contribution to public records policy and scientific archives, and her teaching. Sadly, her retirement years became overshadowed by declining health, which left her deeply frustrated. Her husband died in 1969 but she is survived by her two sons.

LANCE WALTON

Lance Walton, orthopaedic surgeon, died on October 15 aged 96. He was born on March 15, 1902.

LANCE WALTON was an orthopaedic surgeon who developed a special understanding of muscular problems through his work with polio victims. Patients swore by

him.

When the famed American poliomyelitis expert Sister Kenny visited England at the height of the epidemic of 1947, she spent a lot of time with Walton and his patients at Victoria Hospital, Woking. Later she arranged a fellowship for Walton to study with her at the Kenny Hospital in Minneapolis. This resulted in his specialising in the treatment of polio for the length of the epidemic.

He realised that the muscles most commonly affected by polio are those which most often suffer in old age. He believed this to be due to the circulation of these muscles being the most easily disturbed. In treating older patients he would ask himself how he would treat them if they were polio cases and would adapt and apply similar treatment.

In the process he developed methods — which he later found to be similar to Eastern medicine - which convinced him that the tense areas of the body are linked to the organs and that troubled organs such as bowels or urinary systems can be relieved by treating the areas of tension.

Lancelot Henry Frederick Walton's interest in orthopaedics had begun at the age of 13, when he had become an associate collector for the Lord Mayor Treloar's Crippled Children's Hospital at Alton. Hampshire. After studying at St Thomas' in London, he was invited by the eminent orthopaedic surgeon Rowley Bristow to be his house surgeon. On his first afternoon Bristow said to him, "You do this operation," which, surprising

himself, he successfully did. He was then asked to take over as locum surgical unit house surgeon. During his six weeks' break, he studied as clinical assistant with Dr James B. Mennell, one of the earliest manipulators. He was intrigued to find that while many of the staff talked of Mennell as "that quack", they secretly took their relatives to him, for he seemed invariably able to overcome otherwise stubborn joint problems. But

as ill-luck would have it, Mennell and his assistant retired ill within a month. leaving Walton carrying the whole department.

When Mennell returned to duty after a year, Walton became his new chief assistant. He also attended classes at the Physiotherapy School at St Thomas', and before long he had mastered the unusual combination of orthopaedics, physical medicine and manipulation, and his remarkable methods of treatment became noted for their success, particularly with problems of the

neck, back and spine. Frequently he found that he was able to relieve seemingly unassociated problems simultaneously. Perhaps this is what caused Sister Kenny to single him out to bring to



England her radical polio treatments which eased so much of the suffering from that appalling disease.
In addition to his many

hospital appointments, Lance Walton was in private practice for many years, and after retiring he continued to treat patients at his home in Alderney. Many would fly over from the mainland, convinced that he was the only person able to treat them satisfactorily.

Much of his physical strength lasted almost to the end of his days, perhaps due to his love of building walls of all kinds. He had built his own treatment rooms adjoining his family home at Walton-on-Thames. The walls for these rooms resisted destruction when, after his departure, it was demolished. They had to be dynamited. The dry-stone walls he built in Alderney in his later years will remain a memorial to his lifelong hobby and a reminder of his family's nickname: the Wallnut.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Dawn, and by their

RUMER GODDEN

Rumer Godden, OBE, writer, died on November 8 aged 90. She was born on December 10, 1907.

R umer Godden always felt herself a divided person — in India homesick for Europe, in Europe homesick for India. Although born in Sussex, she went with her parents to India when she was six months old. Her father, who had a great interest in philology. worked for the Inland Navigation Company, and the family lived in Bengal, on the banks of the Megna (which was to inspire her best novel, The River). She was often to return to India, spending a good proportion of her life there.

She wrote some 60 books, including plays, novels, verse and short stories, most of them marked by a heartwarming optimism. Both her serious and her

lighter, romantic novels are concerned with the transitory nature of human experience. Her interest in this is counterbalanced by a feeling for roots and traditions, for the continuity of families and old houses - most satisfyingly in A Fugue in Time (1945) and in China Court (1961), which spans five generations.

Perhaps her most successful books are those in which she evokes the atmosphere of India through all the senses: her writing is vivid with detail of smells, textures, light, flowers, noises and tacfile experiences. She celebrates the fullness of Indian life, but also probes the individual's relationship with society, and the conflicts between cultures. Although she said that she wrote first and researched afterwards, she had a healthy regard for fact. "In fiction you can't afford to be fictioous," she once said.

Margaret Rumer Godden was the second of four sisters, and remembered from her pre-school days in Assam that if they played with their dolls out of doors, the monkeys would dart down from the trees and snatch them to toy with among themselves. In 1912 Rumer and her elder sister were left in London with their grandmother and four maiden aunts to be properly brought up, but with the coming of the Zeppelins they were shipped back to India. There, their mother read them poetry and took them each summer to a different part of the country, deepening the girls' love of Indian life. Already Godden was writing poems and stories. Precociously, she wrote her first autobiography when she was eight.

Once the war was over, Godden returned to England. After false starts at several schools, she was educated at

GREAT

Moira House, in Eastbourne, where she boasted that she had had a book of poems published. "Who paid," asked the viceprincipal, guessing correctly, "the publisher or your mother?" That was the end of the boasting, though oot of the itch to write, and Godden was given special tuiton in the craft, which she remembered with gratitude: "Grammar, grammar, grammar, all the time. It was The individual tuiton at Moira House

included precis, criticism, and paraphrasing Times leaders in the form of sonnets. and Godden was always grateful for the care that had been taken in teaching her the proper use of the English language. But it was not as a writer that she

started out. After training as a ballet dancer and teacher in London, Godden went to Calcutta in 1930 to start a ballet school for English and Indian children. This was a move greeted with horror, not only because it broke racial taboos but because many dancing schools were covers for brothels. Nevertheless, Godden ran the school for 20 years with the help of a sister. Reading Forster's A Passage to India had awakened her social conscience about the treatment of Indians under the Raj. Her first commercially published book, Chinese Puzzle, appeared in 1935.

Godden's intense feeling for India was reflected in her third and most popular novel, Black Narcissus (1938). The story. about the disorientation of the European nuns in India, was inspired by Godden's experience of finding a nun's grave in the Himalayas. The first American edition sold out in four days, and the book made her rich. Temporarily. For her first husband, Laurence Foster, with whom she made a "shotgun" marriage in 1934,



was a stockbroker who ran away into the Army leaving extensive bad debis. She moved with their two daughters to Kashmir: "I decided the only way to face it out was to live very simply. I lived like an Indian peasant."

Through her friends Lord and Lady Simon of Wythenshawe, she met James Haynes Dixon, the writer who founded the youth hostels movement. He became her second husband in 1949, and a certain luxury was restored. After living in Hampstead, they moved to Rye in East Sussex. One dramatic night their house burnt down, though one of Godden's daughters managed to salvage the manu-script of her next novel. They moved, then, into Lamb House, previously the home of Henry James and then of the "uncontrollably prolific writer E. F. Benson.

Renoir on the screenplay for his film version of her 1946 novel The River. Black Narcissus, An Episode of Sparrows (1955), The Greengage Summer (1958) and A Fugue in Time were also made into films. Among her more unusual projects were the screenplay for a ballet film of The Tales of Beatrix Potter and a book about her beloved pekineses. A number of her books deal with the

subject of women in religious communi-ties, and she became well-known at Stanbrook Abbey. Godden herself converted to Roman Catholicism, and in books such as Five for Sorrow, Ten for Joy (1979) and In This House of Brede (1969) she acutely examined the balance between the mystical aspects of religion and the submission of the individual to the

spiritual discipline.

Her books for children, especially her several doll stories, convincingly convey the secret thoughts and aspirations of childhood, and in 1972 she won the Whitbread Award for The Diddakoi. As well as fiction she produced two verse narratives for children, In Noah's Ark (1949) and St Jerome and the Lion. She published two volumes of autobiography, in 1987 and 1990. She was appointed OBE in 1993.

Her second husband died in 1973, and Godden moved to Dumfriesshire to live at the home of one of her daughters. She still made occasional excursions to London, in 1987 appearing (and stealing the show) on a BBC2 books programme. In 1994 she undertook her last great adventure, returning to India at the age of 86 to take part in a full-scale BBC TV documentary on her writing life. Although she could be difficult, she remained indomitable.

She is survived by her two daughters.

LIFE AND DEATH

For two years past the gates that lie between life and death have been unbarred. No longer singly, or through a narrow door, but in orderd companies and battalions, men have entered into the vast halls of death. In the glare of battle and the thunder of artillery they have passed through the gates. As they passed, like evening figures burnished by a stormy sunset of cloud-rack and fire, they have seemed, for one splendid moment, magnified and transfigured; and then, in the twinkling of an eye, they are gone, and our eyes behold them no more. Unceasingly the march continues; unmoved the open gates rest on their hinges: the open way still runs from life to death, and the sense grows on the mind of the unity between death and life, the community between the quick

Death is grown a familiar friend, who has put aside his sting; and whatever victories may be promised, there is no victory of the grave. These are days in lesson they had learned for themselves, gates of death.

and the dead.

ON THIS DAY

In 1951 Godden collaborated with Jean

November 11, 1916 **美国新名**

With the awful casualty lists of the Somme offensive still fresh in the mind, this regular Saturday "sermon", by an Oxford correspondent, takes on a special poignancy.

which our old estimations and values are changed. Young men have set life against other things, and found that other things were more worth while; they have weighed death in the balance, and found death more tolerable than the things they could not tolerate . . .

Into that vision they have mounted up

and have come to see what are the things of real price, and wherein true profit and genuine loss are to be found. Material values have altered in these years. Is it an idle thing to say that spiritual values have changed, or that we walk in a new world in which the prices even of priceless things are different?

Here in Oxford, in one of our college chapels, the memorial service has been said and sung regularly at the end of each term over the dead. Term by term the Dead March has been played on the organ; term by term, at the end of the service, Last Post has been sounded on the trumpet. The Fellow of the college who read the lesson at one commemoration service lay in his grave by the Somme at the next ... But soon, we trust, we shall breast the hill that lies beyond the valley, and climb to a height where we shall see another vision — the vision of the things to be done, the gaps with wings undismayed; and those that to be filled, the ideals to be made actual knew them, loved them, and talked with in the new age of peace for the sake of them, have learned from them the which so many have gone through the

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Army leak could lead to court martial

■ Britain's 170,000 soldiers have been warned that they will face a court martial if they leak secret information about planned cuts in the Territorial Army. The edict has been issued in a letter from General Sir Michael Walker, the Commanderin-Chief of Land Command, who said that even "idle chatter" would imperil military careers...

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Nine Whitehall departments and agencies will be named today as the worst prepared inside the Government to cope with the millennium computer bug. Topping the "high-risk" list are the Department of Trade and Industry and the Home Office Page I

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The reputation of Geoffrey Boycott was in ruins yesterday as a French court condemned him, for the second time, as a woman beater. His immediate decision to appeal will bring his legal costs to almost £500,000 Pages 1, 3

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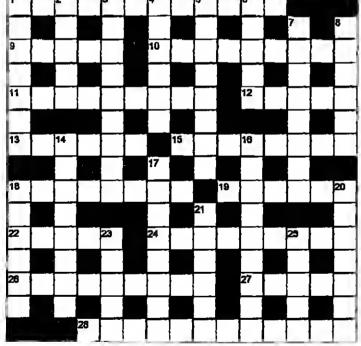
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die out. Eastern Scotland will be dry and bright after some early ground frost. Northern Ireland will have some sunshine for a while, but rain and strong winds will arrive before evening. The Irish Republic will start dry and bright but will be cloudy with rain later, and will become windy. Tonight, a band of rain will spread east

The rain will be heavy in the north. ☐ London, SE, Central S, E, Central N, NE England, E Anglia, Midlands, Channel tstes: any local fog and frost will SW England, Wales: dry and bright this morning, but clouding over with a risk

of rain in the west by evening. Light to moderate southerly wind. Max 12C (54F).

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☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: mainly dry and bright after early ground trost, Moderate southwest wind. Max 10C

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☐ Republic of Ireland: dry bright moming but cloud and rain spreading from west during afternoon. Freshening south-erly winds, with ales in exposed parts later.

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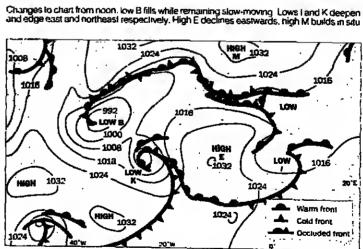
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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11 1998

Man in tights PWC dropped from £7m Abbey audit

ABBEY NATIONAL, the former building society, has dropped Pricewaterhouse-Coopers as its auditor because it believes that the newly merged accountancy firm now carries out the audit for too many competing financial service companies. The annual audit of the Ab-

bey, worth a total of £7 million in fees to PwC, will now be carried out by Deloitte & Touche. The switch by the Abbey could be the first in a series of defections by some of the UK's biggest companies, as some of the accountant's clients bave expressed concerns about the effects of the merger between Price Waterhouse and Coop-

service they receive. Rivals have accused PwC of becoming too "inward looking," and concentrating efforts on consolidating the merger, rather than looking after the interests of clients. However, so far it has been able to retain most of its important clients.

ers & Lybrand on the level of

An Abbey spokeswoman pointed out that PwC audited Lloyds TSB, Royal Bank of Scotland and CGU - all of whom are competitors. "There is no question about the professional independence of PwC.
We just thought that we might
be better served by a smaller
company," she said.

PwC carries out the annual audit for 48 of the FTSE 100 companies, and 93 of the next biggest 250 quoted companies. Some believe that the greatest level of dissatisfaction is among the smaller companies.

Lord Tugendhat, Abbey National chairman, said: "The Abbey National board and its shareholders have been very well served by Coopers & Lybrand over many years and we may well work on other assignments with PricewaterhouseCoopers in the future."

A spokesman for PwC said: We are disappointed about the decision taken by the Abbey National. They were one of a handful of clients that ex-

pressed some concerns about the accountancy merger. We believe we have managed to answer the concerns of these

Since the merger six months

ago, only Diageo from the FTSE 100, formed from the merger between Grand Metropolitan and Guinness, has dropped PwC. The PwC spokesman pointed out that it had lost out to KPMG in a two-way review. He said that none of the remaining 47 FTSE 100 clients had instigated an audit review. He did point out that PwC had been kept on by CGU, after the merger between Commercial

Union and General Accident Martin Scicluna, Deloitte & Touche chairman, said: "We are delighted to have won this audit, it is a significant boost for our firm and one of the most significant gains ever for our financial services practice."

Deloitte & Touche does not have any UK retail banking clients. GEC and Vodaphone are among its FTSE 100 clients. and it carries out the audit on a worldwide basis for Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley.

According to a recent survey from Research International. commissioned by Deloitte, more than three quarters of European multipational companies' chief financial officers opposed the PwC merger. The survey found that 84 per cent of the 137 European executives polled opposed any consolida-tion among the big six accountancy firms.

Ernst & Young and KPMG were at one time planning to merge, but Ernst & Young called off the marriage.

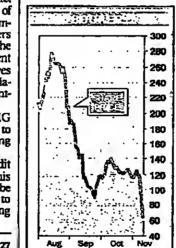
PwC will carry out the audit of the Abbey National for this year. Shareholders will be asked to vote on the switch to Deloitte at the annual meeting in 1999.

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Stuart Rose said the situation at Booker was far worse than he had thought when he joined the company last month, prompting him to take personal charge of the cash-and-carry business with a promise to trim senior management

Booker director dismissed



STUART ROSE, the newly ap-pointed chief executive of Booker, has dismissed a director after discovering that the company is in danger of breaching its banking covenants.

Adrian Busby, head of Booker's cash-and-carry business and architect of its disastrous Project Heartland", has left the group with immediate effect. Mr Rose, who joined last month, said yesterday that trading at the cash-and-carry division is much worse than expected. As a result, group cash flow is unlikely to meet levels de-manded by its banks, which have lent Booker £600 million. By Fraser Nelson

Mr Busby was entitled to a £360,000 payoff. Mr Rose said this is under negotiation.

Shares of Booker immediately lost almost half their value as analysts changed full-year forecasts from £70 million to £20 million. The shares closed 46 per cent down at 641/2p - the

lowest level since March 1983. Mr Rose, whose previous role was as chief executive of Argos before its was bought by GUS, said: "Things are obviously much worse than I thought when I arrived. There was a large difference between the perception and the reality of the fi-nances, but I have spoken to the banks and they are willing to

support the management."
The trading problems mostly relate to "Project Heartland" an idea drawn up by Mr Busby to replace Booker's network of small food depositaries with five central warehouses. It had hoped food importers would pay a substantial premium for having an easier job to deliver

food, but this has not emerged. Mr Rose said he would close Booker's London head office and consider selling Food Service - its second-largest division. He will take personal control of the cash-and-carry arm and trim the number of executives.

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Transatlantic trade war looms

THE European Union and the US moved towards a new trade war over bananas last night as Washington threatened punitive tariffs on a range of European imports and the Brussels Commission charged the Americans with resorting to jungle law.

In the latest spat over trans-atlantic trade, the Americans said they planned to impose duty of up to 100 per cent on a list of EU food products unless Brussels scrapped plans to continue a quota system that gives favourable terms to bananas grown in the former European colonies of the Caribbean and Africa. Sir Leon Brittan, the EU's Trade Commissioner. said Washington was setting itself above the law.

Civil servant on fast track to private sector

BY JASON NISSE

GEC stirred up a cootroversy about civil servants joining the private sector yester-Sir Charles Masefield, the head of Defence Export Services (DESO) at the Ministry of Defence, would be joining GEC as vice-chairman.

Sir Charles — who is to be replaced at DESO by Tony Edwards, chairman of the aerospace side of TI Group - will join next month. He had been with the MoD since September 1994, when he joined from Airbus In-dustrie, which is part owned by GEC's arch-rival

British Aerospace (BAc). Under the "Rules of Acceptance of outside appointments by Crown Servants" there is usually a time lag of between three months and two years required before civil servants can take up private sector appointments in a related area.

However, Sir Charles's move was approved by the Cabinet Office's Advisory Committee on Business Appointments, which is chaired by Lord Carlisle, the former Conservative minister, and includes business leaders such as Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman of Rank Group, and Sir Robin Ibbs, the former chairman of Lloyds TSB.

vals to GEC such as TL, Alvis and BAe.

This approval is at odds with treatment of Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, the

Chief of the Defence Staff. who had to wait six months after his departure in April last year before taking up posts of non-executive direcfor of Racal Electronics and

adviser to Vickers.

Both GEC, whose chief executive is the Labour peer, Lord Simpson of Dun-keld, and the MoD argued that to force Sir Charles to serve a period of purdah would have sent out a bad signal to other business fig-ures who might be invited

to work in government.
"We would not be able to recruit the calibre of people we need at DESO if they were forced to take a break before returning to the pri-vate sector," said an MoD spokesman.

The head of DESO co-ordinates the marketing effort of UK defence companies selling to foreign governments. In that role Sir Charles would have been privy to information about the marketing strategy of ri-

A BAe spokesman said yesterday that the company had been consulted on Sir Charles's appointment and had raised no objections. In his new role at GEC. Sir Charles will be in charge of marketing, partic-

plarly in the defence area.

Latest economic data fuels business gloom

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BUSINESS confidence in the economy has slumped again, falling to a level consistent with a manufacturing recession, with most companies fearing that conditions will WOTSETL

The gloom has been fuelled by worse than expected manufacturing orders across nearly all of the UK, according to the quarterly regional trends sur-vey by the Confederation of British Industry and Business Strategies. The downturn in orders is coupled with net job losses in manufacturing in all areas except Northern Ireland, Wales and East Anglia Sudhir Junankar, associate director of economic analysis at the CBI, said: "The combined effect of squeezed profit margins, rapidly falling demand and output makes it hardly surprising that the falls in business confidence are now consistent with a manufacturing recession through-out the UK." He said that fall-ing orders and confidence lev-

els "reflect the continuing battle manufacturers face". Andy Schoffeld, senior economist at Business Strategies, said: "The fate of the manufacturing sector will depend on a further easing in sterling's exchange rate and the ability of the world economy to avoid

recession." The joint study of business performance and expectations found that orders in the north fell by record levels and that confidence is now at a level last seen in 1990.

Overall in the UK, only 3 per cent of businesses in the survey said they were more optimistic about the future than three months ago while 61 per cent said they were less opti-

In the West Midlands just 2 per cent were more hopeful while 78 per cent were less confident. In the South East 3 per cent were more optimisto while 70 per cent were less opti-

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SIR Denys Henderson, the Rank Group chairman, has decided to refuse a request for a meeting from John Garrett, a former Rank director, to discuss a possible £900 million bid for its lei-

have been rife, with several potential

bound to consider any approaches, The Times has established that Sir Denys is giving little credence to Mr Garrett's claims to be able to muster the necessary financing. He has also made clear that, given the £1.2 billion invested in businesses such as Odeon Cinemas and Tom Cobleigh pubs over the past between £750 million and £1 billion.

II is also unlikely that Sir Denys will make any significant move until he has appointed a new chief executive. Ken Hanna, the former Dalgety chief executive, and Douglas Yates, the veteran Rank director who has temporarily taken the helm, have both indicated a desire to be considered, but it is likely to be several weeks, even months, before an appointment is made.

The only parts of Rank up for grabs are 19 of its nightclubs, US resorts and its stake in Universal Studios. It may

bidders throwing their hats into the ring BY DOMINIC WALSH

sure division. The decision, which follows two telephone conversations between the men, is thought to be a clear signal from Sir Denys that a break-up of Rank, widely mooted since the ousting last month of Andrew Teare as chief executive, will be strongly resisted by the board. Since news of Mr Teare's departure accompanied a dire third-quarter trading statement, rumours of a break-up

Leading the pack has been Mr Gar-rett, himself ousted last year as head of the leisure division after a high-profile bust-up with Mr Teare over his division's performance. He claims to have won support from backers including Candover, the Industrial Bank of Japan and the Royal Bank of Scotland. Although the Rank board is duty-

three years, now is not the time to be selling, as the full potential of the businesses has yet to be realised.

also consider offers for its Deluxe video duplication arm, valued by analysts at

Communtary page 27 Rank rebuffs former leisure chief for various parts of the business.

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

WOOLWICH, the former building society, has sold off its 160-branch estate agency for £23 million to Spicer Mc-Cotl, the independent estate

agency chain.

The deal is backed by Winterthur Life, the UK life company, owned by the Credit Suisse Group. The insurer will sell financial services through the estate agency network. which will continue to trade until the end of the year as Woolwich Property Services.

The purchase means tha Winterthur has ties with 1,000 estate agents across the UK.
Woolwich bought the estate agency chain from Prudential Property Services for £21 million in 1991. At the market's peak in 1989, estate agents were changing hands for about £250.000 a branch. Now branches are priced at about £150,000 each.

John Finan, chairman and chief executive of Winterthur Life, said: "We are confident this purchase will prove to be of benefit to consumers as the Woolwich chain will now be oining the operations of our leading partners."

Woolwich claimed yesterday that the estate agents were now showing a profit. about 10 per cent of its £3.5 billion annual new lending. A spokesman for Woolwich said that the deal would not change that proportion of its new lending.

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Belgum Fr	61.00	56.04
Canada S	2.685	2.497
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Egypt	5.87	5.26
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Woolwich Intel gives damaging evidence in Microsoft's antitrust trial

FROM OLIVER AUGUST

INTEL, the world's biggest computer thip manufacturer, yesterday made the most damaging allegations yet against Microsoft in the anotrust trial. Microsoft "repeatedly and on many occasions" threatened Intel with drastic sanctions if it did not withdraw from the software business, according to Steven McGeady, an Intel vice-president.

ROTHERHAM bus station

yesterday became the unlikely setting for the euro to make its

first appearance on the streets

Seven weeks before it even

becomes an official currency within Europe and three years

before it formally replaces the

currencies of nations that have

signed up for it, businesses in

the bus stadon shopping ar-

cade were pricing their wares

in both sterling and the new

EU currency to try to raise

Baroness Symons, the For-eign Office Minister, will go

down in history as the first

British shopper to buy something with a euro when she

bought a royal blue nylon wal-

let from Rotherham's Labour

MP, Denis MacShane. The

moment, acted out in front of

television cameras and the

press, will be recorded for posterity by a brass plaque to be fixed to the wall in the areade.

Sadly for the bemused shop-

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public awareness.

intel has itself been accused of monopolistic behaviour and has little to gain from a weakening of Microsoft, with which is has a close business partnership. Some criocs have nicknamed the two companies "Wintel" over their dual hold

on the computer market. Mr McGeady said Micro-soft had tried to choke off any competition in market seg-ments where it operated. Its executives allegedly told Mr McGeady that most software

town's parish church, could be used in part-payment in sever-

al Rotherham shops for pur-

chases over £10. McDonald's

staff had been instructed to ac-

confessed Phil Davies, the project's media director. "But

it is about making people real-

ise that the euro is here. It's

not a matter of if we sign up to

it, it's simply a matter of when.

and people need to be ready. It

Julie Kenny, president of Rotherham Chamber of Com-merce, many of whose mem-

bers are funding the project, said: This week is a fun way

to tell people what is happen-

ing and to get them used to it.

The euro is coming in on Janu-

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Christopher Duff, the cham-

ber chief executive, said: "Roth-erham companies do around

£1.2 billion worth of business a

year and a significant propor-tion of that goes abroad, most

of it to Europe . . . From Janu-

ary I, British Steel, our biggest

employer will be sending out

its invoices in euros and others

Euro lessons, page 29

are sure to follow."

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Yes, it is a bit of a stunt."

cept them for soft drinks.

Minister plays

midwife to euro

at Rotherham

bus station

BY PAUL WILKINSON

areas were "under their con-trol". Mr McGeady claimed that Microsoft executives believed that they had control of "all the software above the petition." He testified that Microsoft hardware".

Intel's main dispute with Microsoft came three years ago over Java, a new programming language that was threat-ening to undermine the dominant position of Microsoft's Windows operating system. Microsoft apparently orderoping the graphics section of Java. Mr McGeady told the trial: They wanted us to stop because this constituted com-

was threatening to cut its sup-port for future microprocessors made by Intel, maker of the Pentium brand of chips.

Mr McGeady said: "Bill
[Gates] made it clear Microsoft wouldn't support our next processor if we didn't get alignman, denied the allegations.
Justice Department lawyers contrasted Mr McGeady's testimony with excerpts from the video-taped questioning of Mr

The court was shown a videotape of tesomony in which Mr Gates was asked: Did Microsoft make any effort to convince Intel not 10 help Java? Mr Gates replied: "Not that I know of."

Prescott opposes

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

post plan

IOHN PRESCOTT, Deputy Prime Minister, has backed postal workers' fight against-Post Office privatisation.

His support, added to that of other senior Labour figures, is likely to weaken the ability of Peter Mandelson, the Trade and Industry Secretary, to stage a partial sale of the organisacion.

At a meeting last week. Mr Prescott told Derek Hodgson. general secretary of the Com-munication Workers Union, that he would oppose partial privatisa oon plans.

The Government is considering selling up to 49 per cent of the Post Office. Mr Prescott's opposicion comes after comments by Stephen Byers, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, to union delegates at the Labour conference that the Treasury did not want a sale but rather the steady income stream that the Post Office provides.

Martin O'Neill, chairman of the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee, is vehemently against a partial sale. Many Labour backbench-ers are worried about public re-

action to the sale of a stake.

Mr Mandelson may now have to scrap the idea of a sale and instead give the Post Office more commercial freedom and make it an independent publicly owned corporation. This would enable it to compete for more business overseas and raise its own funds.

US investment hits Sotheby's figures

SOTHEBY'S HOLDINGS, the auctions, financial services and real estate group, almost doubled its third-quarter losses to \$20.8 million (£12.5 million), largely because of a \$15.2 million. lion charge against the cost of expanding its New York auc-don business. Excluding one-off items, losses in the three months to September 30 grew from \$9.2 million to \$11.2 mil-lion, on flat revenue of \$51.3 million.

The third quarter, traditionally loss-making because of the absence of major sales, meant that total profits for the first

absence of major sales. meant that total profits for the first nine months fett from \$11.2 nillion to \$6.5 million. Excluding the cost of the New York development, profits fell from \$16.9 million to \$16.1 million because of increased investment in the business. Total revenues for the year so far, including the financial services and real estate businesses, were up 13 per cent, at \$266.4 million. The strength of US auction markets was reflected in a 13 per cent jump in auction sales, to \$1.13 billion.

Profit takers hit Shield

THE heart disease test developed by Shield Diagnosocs is more effective than other measures based on cholesterol and fibrinogen levels, according to data presented to an influenoal American healthcare conference. Shield's test for a bloodclotting agent known as Activated Factor XII (AFI) has been the cause of an extraordinary rise in its share price over the past two years. From a recent low of 290p, Shield's price had jumped to 622/sp on expectations of the presentation to the American Heart Association in Dallas. Yesterday, the price fell back to 5771/2p on profit-taking.

Origin in alliance

ORIGIN, a subsidiary of Philips, has entered an alliance with Wonderware, Siebe's US subsidiary, to provide shopfloor software and support to companies. Wim Verkuijlen, director of industrial automation at Origin, said the companies have a natural compatibility because Wonderware makes the software that industrial companies use on shopfloors, while Origin provides support for shopfloor software and enterprise resource planning software, Wonderware said that it plans to immediately roll out new plant floor services in Europe and expand into the US. Mexico and Asia in 1999.

Cargill to buy rival

CARGILL, the world's biggest grain-trading company, said yesterday it would buy the grain business of its long-time rival Cononental Grain in an effort to strengthen its dominant position in the industry. The deal is likely to spark close scrutiny from antitrust regulators in the United States and Europe. Minneapolis-based Cargill and New York-based Continental Grain for years have ranked as the top two grain exporters from the United States, the world's biggest exporting nation. The terms of the transaction, which the companies expect to complete early next year, were not announced.

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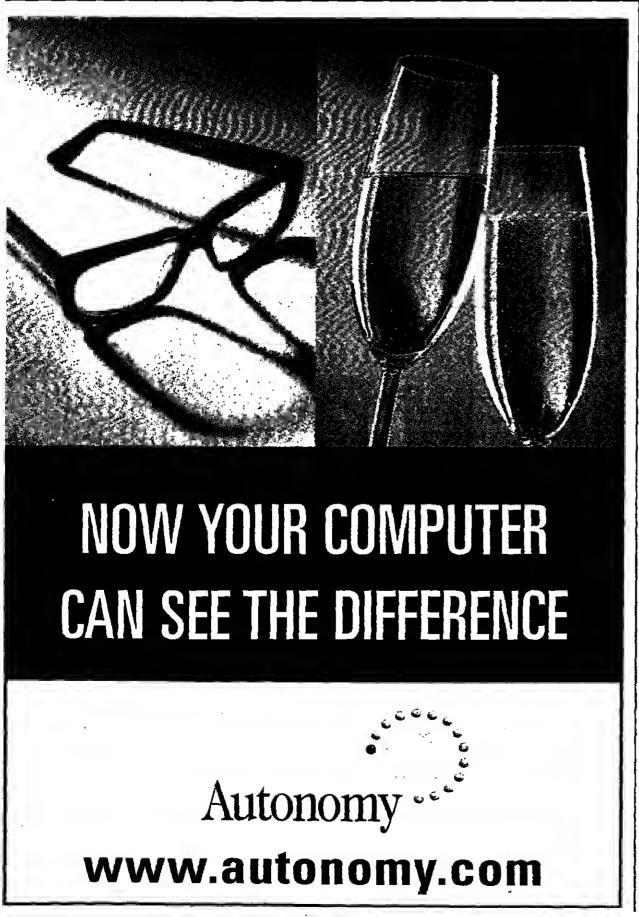
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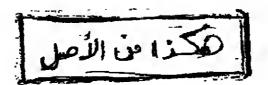
A PROPOSED merger of the accountants Kidsons Impey and Moores Rowland has been aborted, it emerged yesterday. Partners cited differences "relating to the constitution and structure of the merged firm". Kidsons Impey is one of Britain's top len firms of chartered accountants, with more than 150 partners at 28 offices across the UK. Moores Rowland has 90 partners working in 17 offices. It is the foremost member of Moores Rowland International (MRI), an international association of accounting firms. UK member firms of MRI have a joint turnover in excess of £80 million.



Flags and badges for the locals as Rotherham businesses launched an experiment with the euro yesterday







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S tuart Rose was a touch pre-mature in putting a chunk of his Argos prize money into Booker shares. The purchase was a fine tribute to his faith in his own abilities but failed to take full account of the lousy state of his raw material.

He is not quite saying that Booker's previous management deserves a prize for fiction but he is quite clear thal what he has un-covered in four weeks is very much nastier than he had been led to expect. His revelations must have left

David Simons and John von Spreckelsen thanking the luck or judgment that saw them both abandon plans to take on Booker. Mr Simons has more than enough to occupy him, trying to see through the merger of Somer-field and KwikSave. Mr von Spreckelsen may be bored with Budgens but that is probably a more comfortable situation than the one in which Mr Rose now finds himself.

The man who must take responsibility for much of the mess that Stuart Rose is now uncovering is Jonathan Taylor, who was chairman until a fortnight ago. Under his leadership the company was allowed to degenerate into its current parlous state and misguided diversions were launched into, al heavy cost. Remember when Booker was going

to change the face of discount re-

tailing in Britain, devising a con-

cept to bring US-style retail ware-

Booker is no prize for Rose houses to our shores? The result

was conspicuously not a homegrown version of the thriving US business, Wal-Mart. In fact, it was just one of many Booker dis-asters but only reluctantly were the perpetrators of these unhappy adventures eased out of the

Charles Bowen was the most recent to go. Mr Taylor, however, remained in position as profits slumped and Booker searched increasingly desperately for a raison d'être. Mr Taylor joined Booker in 1959 and became chairman in 1993. While he has presided over the business, some £400 million in shareholder value has simply seeped away.
Stuart Rose will have to battle

hard to recoup any of that. Yesterday was just the first stage, warning of the real horrors yet to come. Although Booker was not in breach of its banking covenants according to its former management. Mr Rose now finds it precariously close to just that position. He has a plan to turn the mish

mash of busineses into two straightforward operations but it will take time. En route, shareholders should be prepared for him to indulge in the incoming



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chief executive's prerogative, a full-scale kitchen sink job. It worked for Archie Norman at Asda and it could work for Stu-art Rose. The City will certainly be prepared to indulge him in get-ting to grips with Booker. After all, in his brief stay at Argos, he succeeded in forcing Lord Wolfson into paying a much higher price for the business than most had dared to predict. Lord Wolfson has not forgiven him.

Auditors fear Abbey habit

bbey National's decision A to change its auditors amounts to a challenge to the fundamental reasoning behind the merger of two of the leading accounting firms. When Price Waterhouse and Coopers decided to join forces, and names, in a muddle of type faces, they were adamant that clients would be happy with the new combine.

That Abbey National has al-ready reached the view that it will be taking its £7 million of business elsewhere must raise the spectre of further defections to come. The Abbey's decision can only hasten the end of mourning by those who would have put Ernst & Young together with KPMG. One firm's losses are, af-

ter all, another firm's gains.

Abbey is insisting that it is sacking PriceWaterhouseCoopers because of potential conflicts of interest, not because of the silly name. Yet the firm had thought that its bolstered expertise in the banking sector would add to its attractions as an auditor, not detract from them. It did not envisage customers deciding that it might glean too much in-sider knowledge on the business and pass it on to rivals. And that does seem an extreme view for Abbey to have taken.

Audit teams do accumulate vast amounts of information on their clients but do not make a habit of passing it on to rivals, even if they too are clients. Given the limited number of auditors capable of handling leading clients, they are already well used to coping with having sev-eral clients from particular sectors without endangering their

confidentiality. Only when information passes from one part of an accountancy practice into another should there be cause for concern. The need to draw a firm line between consultancy work and auditing is something of which accountants and their clients should never loose sight. But the chances are that Ab-

bey's discontent is not due merely to perceived conflict of interest. Perhaps its directors also feel that they would be better cossetted elsewhere, and maybe even at a better price even if they are reluctant to admit as much. If PriceWaterhouseCoopers is not offering the most favourable deal on price, then another argument

in favour of the merger bites the dust. Economies of scale should have made the enlarged firm

highly competitive. in service businesses, however, economies of scale are not always easy to find. And paving for all the new letterheads can cost clients dearly.

Giving priority to the big fish

f the 147 civilian employees of the Ministry of Defence who left to join the private sector during 1996 and 1997, 40 had conditions imposed on their new appointments. These ranged from having to wail six months before taking up the role, to being precluded from discussions on government contracts. But there is no enforced gardening ahead for Sir Charles Mase-Sald best of Defamily Sirvers field, head of Defence Export

Sales and one of the bigger fish to cross the divide into industry. Sir Charles will walk out of the MoD on Friday, December 11, and the following Monday turn up at the West End offices of GEC, where he will be in charge of marketing. Yesterday the MoD was not arguing that Sir

Charles had not picked up some juicy information about GEC's rivals in his current job, or that his access to the MoD ear might give his new employer a competitive advantage: it was simply saying that Sir Charles, having come on secondment from Airbus, where he was head of marketing, was a special case. If you force a second-ed big fish to take a break before going back into industry, you may find it difficult to net more than a sprat next time.

Tony Blair believes, quite rightly, that it is important to tempt top business leaders into govern-ment: he has made GEC's chief executive into Lord Simpson. But if an assistant director of Opraf has to wait nine months before joining South West Trains. Sir Charles might have been asked to take a short holiday.

Last call for jobs

THE latest dose of gloom from the CBI shows that the pain in the economy is not restricted to the north of the country. In the South East, confidence has plunged as order books shrink. The Government can produce figures to show that jobs are still being created even if they are van-ishing fast from manufacturing. Call centres are the great hope for keeping unemployment fig-ures down but worried southerners are increasingly unlikely to be picking up their phones to order new clothes and trinkets.

C&W saves on costs as revenue **increases**

By RAYMOND SNODDY. MEDIA EOITOR

CABLE & Wireless Communi- consumer division, accounting cations, one of the UK's big three cable companies, yesterday announced that, for the first time, it had experienced revenue growth in all its markets at the same time as cutting costs.

The improved performance produced adjusted pre-tax profits of £73 million in the six months to the end of September, compared with E65 million in the first half of for telephony and the previous year. Actual BT temporarily. pre-tax profits, including exceptional items and millennium costs, were £65

million, against losses of £135 Graham Wallace. chief executive of Cable & Wireless, said: "Excellent progress has been made on both increasing revenue growth and reducing our unit costs. Revenue increased in all four business units, reversing the previous declines in business and

corporate markets." Cable & Wireless shares rose 15p to 476p yesterday, compared with a 12-month high of 7161/2p.

Total revenue increased by 14 per cent to £1.25 billion. Although simple telephony revenue grew by 8 per cent, growth in areas such as data. video and advanced services grew 39 per cent Cable & Wireless's underlying profit margins improved from 11 per cent in 1997 to 13 per cent in thereafter.

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for 24 per cent of the total, revenue grew by 20 per cent to £297 million, with cable television increasing market penetration by 1 percentage point to 20.4 per ceni - still below the industry average -

and telephony u. 2.7 percent-age points to 25.7 per cent. In some areas, Mr Wallace said, Cable & Wireless could not keep up with the demand for telephony and had to use

In business markets, accounting for 15 per cent of total revenue, there was 2 per cent growth to £190 million, reversing the decline prior to the merger that created Cable & Wireless.

Growth was also restored to corporate markets (25 per cent of total revenues) with 7 per cent growth to £320 million. International and partner serv-ices, largely telecommuni-cations, grew by 22 per cent to £450 million.

Cable & Wireless said it now carried the majority of international traffic for Vodafone, the UK's largest mobile operator and for the largest German operator, Mannesmann D2. Cable & Wireless also

promised that it would complete its digital television network by next May and roll out up to 200 channels plus highspeed Internet access during the course of the year



John Houliston, chief executive, says Dairy Crest held on to the benefit of lower milk costs with its added-value brands creased margins from 5 per

Advertising lets **Dairy Crest** widen margins

By Fraser Nelson

HEAVY advertising of Cathederal City and Davidstow cheeses has allowed Dairy Crest to hold the prices of its branded products despite a sharp fall in the price of milk

The company has managed to pocket most of the benefits from the 12 per cent drop in milk prices by spending £1 million a month on television advertising of its main brands.

This year, it intends to spend £12 million on television advertising — a 50 per cent increase on last year's budget to help it to move away from the commodity cheese market. Shares in Dairy Crest rose company reported pre-tax profits of £20.7 million (£18:7 mil-

City expectations. John Houliston, chief executive, said the company had in-

lion) for the six months to Sep-tember 30 — at the top end of

cent to 5.8 per cent by selling a higher mix of its more expensive cheeses, and by not passing on all cost savings to super-markets. He said: "In our added-value brands, we have been able to hang on to the benefits from lower milk costs, but in the commodity brands, we have had to pass them on."

Although the City applauded the business tactics, they are likely to fuel debate on

whether consumers are over-charged for dairy produce. Branded produce, which in-cludes Frijj, now represents 40 per cent of group sales, but about 75 or cent of profits. Dairy Crest spent Et million on advertising in the first half, up from £3.75 million spent in the same period last year.

Headline earnings per share were 13.2p (11.8p). The dividend rises to 3.85p (3.5p).

Lonhro Africa board besieged

By Jason Nisse

BLAKENEY Management yesterday launched its requisition for an extraordinary meeting to oust part of the board of Lonrho Africa after having a proposal for a compromise deal rejected.

The fund management group is demanding the removal of Bernard Asher, Lonrho Africa's chairman, and two other directors, Stephen Walls and Michael Wilson, and their replacement with three Blakeney nominees.

these proposals to avoid an EGM, suggesting that only Mr Walls need resign and that only two Blakeney nominees be appointed. However, after a 13-hour board meeting on Monday, Lonrho Africa reject-

ed this compromise. Blakeney's attack on Lonrho Africa follows its poor performance after its demerger from Lonrho last May. Miles Morland, chairman of Blakeney, said yesterday: "Mr Asher has the strategic consistency of a It had offered to tone down

Newsquest slowdown

NEWSQUEST, the regional newspaper group, said yes-terday that it was experiencing a slowdown in revenue growth, particularly in re-

cruitment advertising (Ray-mond Snoddy writes). Newsquest reported pretax profits of £14.3 million for the 13 weeks to October 31 compared with £9.6 million for the 13 weeks to the

end of September 1997. In the 40 weeks of the year so far Newsquest has had turnover of £235 million and pre-tax profits of £49.6 million. The shares rose 8p to 2501/2p yesterday.

Seagram seeks to silence drinks arm speculation

By DOMINIC WALSH

SEAGRAM, the Canadian media and drinks group, yester-day moved to quash mounting speculation over its spirits and wine arm by unveiling "a new vision and strategic direction" for the business.

In the wake of its impending \$10.4 billion (£6.3 billion) acquisition of PolyGram, the music and film combine, there have been persistent suggestions that it might seek to off-

load its drinks arm. But Edgar Bronfman Jr. president and chief executive,

said: "Through its worldwide presence and consistent cashlow, our spirits and wine business will continue to be a vital contributor to overall company growth and operations."

spokeswoman added: This statement underlines that we are definitely in the wine and spirits business to stay." She said that although it did not preclude a merger or strategic alliance with a third party, it showed Seagram was not simply waiting to merge with someone or sell the business off. Allied Domeco is known to have held talks with Seagram on a possible tie-up. Seagram's new strategy involves funnelling the lion's share of investment and marketing support into its four biggest brands - Chivas Regal and Crown Royal whiskies,

Morgan rum. In the first half of 1999, the group will move from a regional and brand group structure to a central management team

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MICHAEL CLARK

Investors look for last orders from Marstons

ing to the brewers yesterday, or are we about to hear the call of "last orders" for Marston Thompson & Evershed?

The Staffordshire brewer of Pedigree ale and Pitcher and Piano pub chain fame stood out with a leap of 26p to 1985;p. amid claims that rival Wolverhampion & Dudley Breweries is poised to offer 275p a share valuing the business at £180 million.

By the close of business a hefty 1.69 million shares had changed hands in a thin market where traders will normally only make a price in 5.000 at a time. Wolverhampton closed all square at 419p.

Share prices generally drew encouragement from a posinve stari ja trading on Wall Street and early losses were clawed back with the help of a late rally to close virtually unchanged on the day.

The FTSE 100 index, down almost 75 points at its low point, ended just 1.6 off at 5.432.3 as 855 million shares changed hands. The FTSF 250 index was left nursing a fall of 60.5 at 4.874.4.

The carly stemmed from a mark down in financials as rece*n*t speculative support boiled over and US banks suffered a sell-off, to fact, banks accounted for eight of the worst performers among the top t00 companies. They included Royal Bank of Scotland, 34p to 793p, Bank of Scotland, 25p to 592p, Amvescap. 15p tu 436p, Schroders, 38p to £11.50. Standard Chartered, 19' p to 591p. Legal & General, 20p to 050p. NatWest Bank, 27p to 933p. and Alfied Zurich, 191:p lu

675p.

British Telecom advanced 9p to 831p ahead of interim results tomorrow, with Merrill Lynch, the broker, orging clients to "buy". Pre-tax profits are expected to come in at between £740 million and £754 million, up from £688 million last time. The results will include a £1 billion profit from the sale of its 25 per cent stake in MCI to WorldComm.

Marks & Spencer rallied 18p to 436p despite the current boardroom upheaval and Whitbread was wanted, making a rise of 30p to 800p on the back of a "buy" recommendation from Merrill Lynch.

Shareholders of saw the value of their company virtually halve as the price



Malcolm Walker, chief executive, saw shares of Iceland up 10%p to 226p after an upbeat presentation to brokers

plunged 54%p to 64%p. It has now become clear why Somerfield, 5p cheaper at 443%p. and Hillsdown, unchanged at 92 sp. each walked away from hid talks earlier this year with the food distributor.

tn its latest profits warning Booker said profits in the secand half would fall "significantly short" of expectations. Brokers has originally been

CASH TILLS FALL SILENT

JUST 44 shopping days left

until Christmas, and condi-

tions are looking decidedly

bleak for Britain's retailers.

Consortium survey show-

ing only the second year-

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far from from merry Christ-

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looking for £70 million. They say Stuart Rose, the newly appointed chief executive, faces an uphill struggle in steering the group back on the growth tack. There will be no payout for shareholders.

Traders reported fresh support for the utilities on the back of positive comments from Credit Lyonnais, the broker. It likes British Energy.

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Credit Suisse First Bos-

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yields continued to fall across the curve as the market again raced ahead with gains at the longer end stretching to more than £l. The gloomy British Retail Consortium survey showing a further downturn in consumer spending fuelled the early gains and investors should receive another boost later today when the Bank of England quarterly inflation report is published.

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Reports of a consortium bid

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In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt fin-ished 58p higher at £114.87 as a total of 31,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 rose £1.22 to £142.53, while among shorterdated issues Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was 25p firmer at £106.11. □ NEW YORK: Wall Street turned higher in cautious ear-Jones industrial average was up 20.34 points to 8,918.30.

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Cable pulls itself clear

SLOWLY but surely the cable industry is pulling itself out of the large hole it has dug for itself. Cable & Wireles, Communications, the group put together from the merger of Nynex. Bell Cable. Videotron and Mercury Communi-cations, achieved after-tax profits of £65 million in the six months to September compared with a El35 million loss last year.

Rather more impressive is the extent to which costs have been controlled as the business has grown, falling from 25 per cent of revenues to 22 per cent.

Some advantages of merger are starting to show through, with the creation of one virtual call centre on three sites to replace a number of incompatible systems. The outsourcing of all IT to IBM in a £1.8 billion over ten years looks like a good deal. However, it is in the area of digital that CWC should benefit in the

longer term. It is a pity the company did not stage a simultaneous digital launch with BSkyB. It could then have benefited from

about £100 million of free advertising.

That said, it is unlikely that CWC will lose much husiness to BSkyB and ONdigital before it has a presence in the digital market from the beginning of next year.

CWC has compared its present analogue access offering of II television channels, the necessary set-top box and a telephone line for £12.99 a month. The company says a similar digital package with the rental of necessary equipment would cost £22.85 a month at Sky-

Digital and £23.85 a month at ONdigital. Such comparisons, together with the wide availability of cable and the public's appetite for high-speed Internet access should help CWC shares continue their recovery.

Business Post

WHILE most companies were struggling to cope with the global financial crisis, Business Post was recling from the departure of both its managing director and finance director. This helped exaggerate the effect of jinery markets on its share price. which plunged from 957p to

just 220p.
With the brothers Kane. who founded the company. now back at the helm, shareholders can only hope that the turmoil has not inflicted

long-term damage. The signs were not good yesterday. however. Profits were down 6 per cent, while growth of administrative expenses outstripped that of sales. As a result, margins fell from 19.5p to 17.2p. Analysts were left with the impression that Business Post was no longer the exciting, highgrowth stock they had once On the positive side, the

Kane brothers appeared to have taken decisive action by strengthening the board, and coming clean about the company's many problems. They admit they must reduce costs lu improve margins.

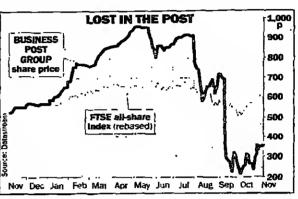
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leaves the company on a price/ carnings multiple of about 13. When uncertainty about management is added into the mix this actually looks quite high. This is certainly no time to buy, white existing shareholders could be forgiven for heading for the exit.

charge, earnings are forecast

to be 25.85p a share for the

year to March 1999. This



Senior

SENIOR was a darling of the engineering analysts last autumn and winter, with at least two brokers putting out fat and glossy research pamphlets that recommended buying the stock.

The surge of interest sent the shares to an all time high of 2451-p. They are almost half that value now, victims of the blanket selling of the engineering sector.

Senior does have some gen uine factors starting to limit growth. Its flagship exhaust connectors, which absorb rocking motion and vibrations and limit emissions, are starting to mature as they become more of a standard feature on cars.

It is exposed to some weak cur markets. It is a supplier to Rover, the troubled UK group, and has also had to endure the temporary shutdown of o Fiat factory in

However. Senior main-

rains that its weighting towards the more resilient US car market means it can still find growth in the automotive sectur, albeit less than in

Aerospace components - which attract a higher margin — are becoming a higger feature in the group. The purchase of Jet yesterday looks sound and Senior will wisely take some time to bed this

As is so often the case with the engineering sector right now, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that the shares have been oversold.

Dairy Crest

THE milk and cheese industry may be a pretty unpleasant place to be right now, but Dairy Crest scents to have found its own little sanctuary by spending £32,800 a day on television commercials.

The logic is quite simple. Line up five cheddar cheeses and stick a price on top of

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pers go for the cheapest almost every time.

But slap on a plastic wrapping and a heavily advertised brand name and you create the difference between a profit margin of 15 per cent or 3 per cent.

Over the last five years, Dairy Cresi has lifted the proportion of profits generated by branded dairy produce from 10 per cent to 75 per cent of group total. The shift is now slowing, and will proba-

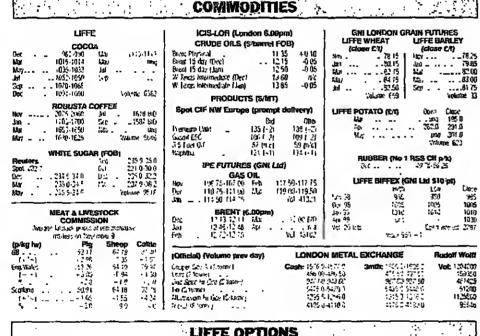
bly stop at about 80 per cent. Do its shares still deserve a rating of 11.4 times funire earnings? Well, yes, given that its profit margins are in better shape than many of its rivals. By investing so much in its brands it has a far greator control over the price of its cheeses. It is under far less pressure to reduce its shelf price when the cost of milk falls, and keep margins healthy for some time to

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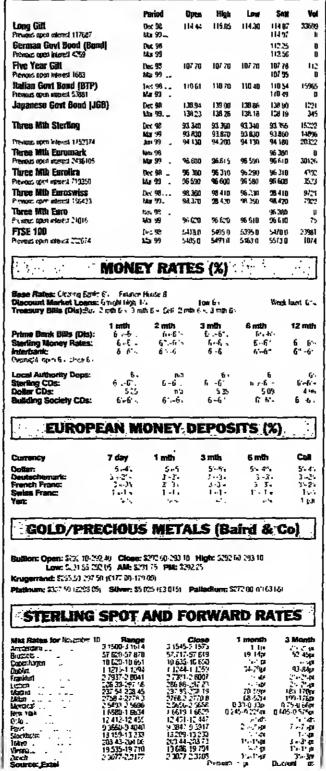
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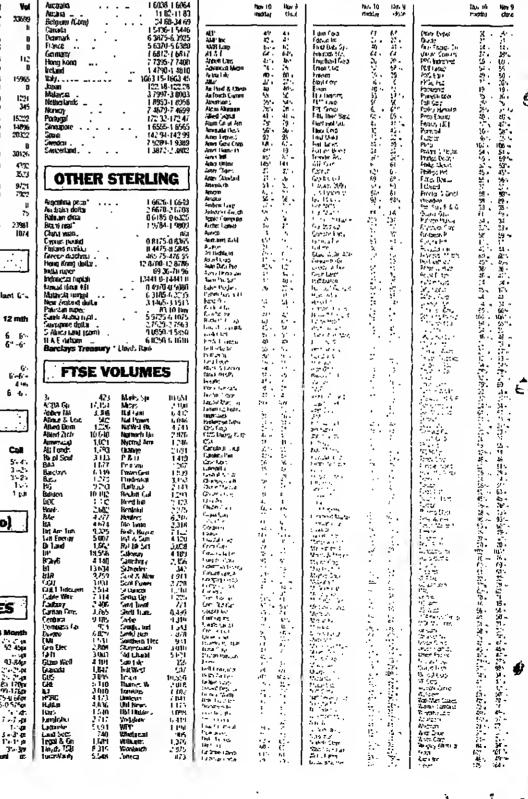
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LOST IN THE POST

NESDAY NOVEMBER III

The International Monetary Fund is clearly beyond redemption. Gil Diaz. an IMF representative in Managua. was reported by Reuters to have said on Monday that "the pressures of reconstruction should not lead us to abandon (economic) stability" in Nicaragua. So far, estimates suggest that Hurricane Mitch has caused the deaths of 4,000 people with a further 7,000 missing and 800.000 made home-

> ing off government workers, raising the cost of public services and privatising state-owned firms. When Michel Camdessus, the IMF Managing Director, was asked at last month's annual meeting whether he regretted anything that the IMF had done during the past year of global economic crisis, be said: "I have repented of my per-sonal sins ... but not much." If Señor Diaz represents IMF policy. M Camdessus, a staunch Catholic. may want to repent a little more.

less. Nevertheless, Señor Diaz said.

Nicaragua will still be bound by ex-

isting IMF agreements that in-

clude cutting public spending. lay-

What price redemption for the IMF?

In comparison with the IMF. the announcements yesterday by France and Britain look positively enlightened. France has said that it intends to cancel part or all of the debt owed by Nicragua, Honduras, Guatemala and El Salva-dor, a genuine example of leadership given that France is estimat-

ed to hold 2 per cent of the £4.1 bil-

cent of the £6.1 billion owed by

Nicaragua.

Britain is owed only £900,000 by Nicaragua and £300,000 by Honduras. Despine these very small sums, it is not prepared to cancel any debt outright. A move by Britain along with France would have set a ground-breaking and important precedent but it was not to be.

Britain also called yesterday for a moratorium on official bilateral debt servicing and, together with

France, is setting up a trust fund, donating £10 million each to start it off. Given that it is astonishingly unlikely that debts will be serviced by these ruined economies, the moratorium simply appears to be a formalisation of reality. The trust fund is designed to help Mitch vic-

tims service their debts to multilateral institutions. In other words, lion owed by Honduras and 2 per the IMF's main shareholders are. temporarily, paying the IMFs bills. It would be far more to the point if the IMF called its own moratorium or, better still, simply cancelled the outstanding debt. But no the IMF always gets paid. Britain is also calling for the

qualification period for countries to become eligible for debt relief under the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative (141PC) to be shortened by a year for victims of natural disasters. This sounds impressive but is far from it in the



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context of the dreadful problems now faced in Central America. Nicaragua would not receive any debi relief until 2001 instead of 2002. Honduras has not even started on the HIPC process and could be a minimum of six years from relief.

Gordon Brown has argued re-peatedly that unilateral cancellation is pointless because debt payments to other creditors would simply go up by the same amount. The truth of Britain's thinking is far more unedifying. The Govern-ment, we are told, is against cancellation because this would mean losing the influence that creditors enjoy and "prevent us pushing them along" on the road to economic reform. This is IMF orthodoxy at its control-freak worst and is deeply disappointing from a Government that has done relatively well on development issues.

Various arguments are mobilised against genuine debt forgiveness. The main one is moral hazard. If creditors simply wipe the debts out, won't developing countries be encouraged simply in build them up again? This is unlikely. For one thing, all official and bilateral flows to developing countries now have clear conditions attached that would make it far more difficult to get away with profligacy or corruption. The price of misbehav-

tour, in the tough world of condi-

donality, would be an effective moratorium on new aid and loans. It is a mark of how scared developing countries are that the tap will be turned off that, despite the national catastrophe of El Niño, Peru (which having effectively defaulted in the 1980s, knows what It is like to be in the financial wilderness) has refused to renegotiate its annual debt payments despite clearly lacking the money to ad-

tive alternatives to pure debt cancellation that would ensure the money was spent wisely. Debt conversion is one. This covers various schemes in which debt is reduced or cancelled and diverted to social or environmental programmes.

In any case, there are imagina-

dress the emergency.

Conversion has already been done extensively in Latin America, according to Mariano Valderrama, director of the Peruvian

Under the Americas Initiative launched by President Bush in 1990, for example, Chile and the US agreed to reduce \$15.7 million of Chile's total debt of \$39.3 million and Chile spent \$23 million in interest payments to finance environmental protection.

A similar switch in resources would be achieved under Oxfam's proposal for resources from debt relief/cancellation to be used specifically - and in a monitored way

- on health and education. Ugan-

da has already offered to do this. The ideas are out there but the political will is not Hurricane Mitch was an opportunity for humanity and boldness, a terrible shock that would force a quantum leap in thinking on debt and development. All the debts of the four Central American countries most affected should immediately be cancelled. Having surmounted the psychological shock once, creditors would find it easier to do it again. Perhaps Rwanda could be next. Under current H1PC rules, it won't

qualify for relief until at least 200t.

an IT consultant will pay a for-

Experts suggest that the well-

prepared among smaller com-

panies will prove to be euro

winners, able to take advan-

tage of their greater flexibility

quirements. "I can invoice my

clients in DM, euro, with dual

currency or whatever they want," said Kurt Biebl, a Ham-

burg sweetshop owner with

DM4 million sales and 19

als, which will switch to the

euro early, whereas other cli-

ents will stick with marks.

Biebl did not start preparing

for the euro until May: "All

had to do was buy one new till

and upgrade my other tills for

dual pricing." He has out-sourced his accounting to an ac-

countant who will decide when

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Britain can gain practical benefits from Germany's experience in the run-up to the launch of EMU

Lessons in preparing for the euro

Sigrid Aufterbeck finds out about

some of the implications for business of the single currency

otherham is playing host to a euro experiment. Euro notes are being distributed on the streets of the South Yorkshire town to offer a taster of what the future may hold for shoppers and traders. Bin the conversion is only a test run and, much to the frustration of the CBI, no date has been set for Britain to join the single

The CBI's great fear is that Briosh industry will be left behind when fellow EU states switch to the euro. But the evidence is that, despite having a headstart on the UK, preparations in all but the biggest German businesses are not that much more advanced.

Large German companies be-

gan preparations euro timetable COLNIDOWN was set out at the EU summit in Madrid 1995. Many mediumsized and small companies, which left euro preparations on the back burner

until this year, warned

earlier this year by industrial and trade confederations that they were ignoring upcoming problems. In August DIHT, the German confederation of industry and commerce, criocised such companies for risking being caught napping by the launch of the

euro on January I. However, starting late, it seems that businesses have caught up. Most companies will be able to participate in cashless trade in the euro come January (euro coins will follow in 2002). "Many small and medium-sized companies confine euro-introduction to an accounting or an IT issue only." said Rolf Epstein, euro project manager al Arthur Andersen's management consulting arm. compedoon patterns will change, and companies must be prepared to deal with that."

about the biggest companies

tions are easy to find: German

called

"But there is more about it: Experts are less worried

such as Siemens - they started thorough preparations early. Also, small firms cause few worries. Although they started their preparations late, they are expected to be flexible enough to adapt quickly. The problem areas look like being among the Mittelstand. Germany's medium-sized companies. Siefan von der Heiden, spokesman for Mittelstandsverband, the association of mediumsized businesses, said: "The Mittelstand tends to ignore the fact that they need to do more than just open a euro account. For them, the euro will change patterns of compeddon in Reasons for late prepara-

participation

seemed unceruntil May. "Many whole project off." Reinhard Kudisz. euro expert at

the BDI, the German in-

dustrial confederation. The German economy was unlikely to fulfil the Maastrichl critera, and senior politicians openly argued against the euro.
The Brussels euro summit

in May changed the mood." said Bertold Busch, of the German Economic Institute in Cologne. The country was named as one of the founders of economic and monetary union (EMU), making it clear that the euro would inevitably come. Over the summer, many entrepreneurs attended last-minute euro seminars held by the BDI. trade and industrial confederations, and local banks. "Knowledge about the euro was poor until this year, but has improved significantly over the summer," said von der Heiden. Now, 80 per cent of smaller businesses appear to be technically prepared, according to Ortwin Weltrich, chairman of



the euro committee of the Nordrhine-Westphalian Chamber of Trade. The example of Siemens shows how extensive euro preparaoons can be: "We started biweekly meetings on that issue as early as 1995, just after the EU summit in Madrid set the timetable for euro introduction," said Bernhard Kolb, now chairing a three-strong "euro core team". The team was set up in February last year and is now supervising more than 300 euro projects. "In 1996, we developed a handful of euro scenarios with plans for calculaoon, balancing, what to do with our DM shares and when to pay salaries in euros. In February 1997, our executive board

we have followed ever since." The timetable was tight and had to be adjusted to the pace of euro legislacion. For ex-ample, Siemens's shareholders needed to decide to replace shares denominated in marks with new shares that do not yet have a printed value. But before they could do so, the Government had to amend company law, which they did just before this year's season of agms.

agreed on one scenario, which

In July Siemens officially announced that it would switch to the euro on October I next year - the first day of its next financial year - and asked all 250,000 German and 400,000 euro-zone business partners at which point they intended to do so. Siemens is quite clear that it would expect its suppliers and clients to deal in Furns sooner

Nobody at Siemens is prepared to say how expensive

rather than later.

been so far. As far as investment in IT is concerned. Kolb estimates that they total 3.5 per cent of the company's annual IT spending, "But a lot of the operations research involved will also be valuable in other respects, not only for the euro. The cost of converting to the curo will be repaid within the next three years."

these euro preparations have are whether parts can be pur-

chased cheaper within Euro-

land and what marketing strat-

egies can be used to ensure that

prices are competitive in the

Whether medium-sized com-

panies profit from the curo to

the same extent will depend on

how far they have prepared

their strategy. Technically, most of them should not have

problems."We started a month-

ly euro conference years ago,"

said Helmut Becker, owner of

Auto Becker, the Düsseldorf

car dealer. "Our IT system had

come to its limits anyway,

hence the euro came as a good

occasion to acquire a new

typical medium-sized company

of 60 employees is likely to

spend between DM100,000

(£35,500) and DM250,000 to

prepare its staff for the euro

and acquire a curo accounting

Help to shape up for euro, ac-

cording to Becker, was largely sought from the banks, fol-

lowed by seminars through lo-

cal industrial and trade organi-

sations. "The financial services

give you a better class of telecoms service.

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new euro market.

Two areas that Siemens is targeting to make up this cost



Heinrich von Pierer runs Siemens, which is well-prepared

who for many years chaired the Mittelstand confederation. "But that is their duty, since they make a huge profit with the whole euro transformation Euro information leaflets

did a good job," said Becker,

sent out by the federal authorides were not taken seriously because the Government was seen as too large a promoter of the euro. Also, the State proved to be a bad example with its own euro preparations. Municipal administrations will not switch their accounting system and budget to the euro until the last minute (the end of 2001). Whether medium-sized companies profit from the euro depends on whether they managed to adapt their business strategy. They need to prepare for European competitors making inroads into the formerly currency-sheltered German markets. Price transparency will allow consumers to purchase goods more cheaply in other parts of Euroland, and will also force German producers to cut costs and prices. "I have always been a global player and am well prepared," said Becker. But many smaller firms will need to review their

prices and price points. Lambertz, the sweets manu-facturer based in Aachen, has carried out just such a review. A price of DM2.99 may convert to 1.47 euros, a figure that does not have quite the same effect. The current economic situation makes it hard to put up prices, hence Lambertz decided to after the size of their containers - a decision that means aftering production, machinery and distribution operations. "It was not enough to ensure companies were prepared technical-ly," said Mittelstand spokesman von der Heiden. "We must now make sure that strategy is amended too." This is quite an ambitious strategy to pursue in less than two months.

Small businesses cause fewer worries than the larger Mittelstand. "Most of them don't need costly preparations aside from IT investment," said Arthur Andersen's Rolf Epstein. "But I am worried about those who find themselves illprepared in 1999. Pressure to switch to the euro will be fierce, and whoever needs help from

Il products in Biebl's shop will carry prices in marks and euros .from January 1. By doing so, Biebl is even better prepared than required by his trade group, the HDE, the confederation of German retailers. The HDE demands that some. but not all, products must show prices in both marks and euros from January. During the next few years, the number of europriced products will grow grad ually, ensuring that consumers are used to the new currency when euro coins are introduced in 2002. Unlike Biebl, who sees no difficuldes in dual pricing.

the large department stores

saw themselves unable to pro-

vide that service to customers.

Biebl estimates that the cost of his euro preparations will hit DM15,000 - or DM25,000 including new software and tills. Unlike Siemens, however, he does not expect this investment to pay for itself too quickly.

Politicians try to tell us that the euro will shake up compeotion in Europe. But I operate locally and do not intend to conquer new markets. I also don't expect new competition. If a European company wants to sell products here in Germany, they can do so already. I pur-chase goods from all over Europe, and my exchange rates with EMU countries have been stable for years."

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Tunnel toll

A GLINT of light at the end of the Rotherhithe Tunnel. Those who commute from the south and the east into the City will have noticed since the start of last week that the Tunnel has been closed. (You will have been able to tell because of the queues of traffic back most of the way to the Channel Tunnel and Canvey Island.)

A couple of weeks ago 1 wrote that the firms at Canary Wharf, who expected to be badly hin by the closure, were clubbing logether to raise extra funds to enable repairs to be done more quickly. They have offered £100,000 towards the £1.5 million cost of replacing ventilation fans in the Tunnel. and this has been accepted.



I am told that now the engineers have had a look at the work, there is better than a 50/50 chance that the job can be finished by December 20 rather than dragging on, as initially planned, until January 10. No one is making firm promises, and it depends on work carrying on day and night without disrupting the lives of local residents.

NO ONE at the British Resail Consortium (BRC) will confirm this, and I can see how they might not know which way to jump. But it seems that the other week they were approached by Tesco for advice on the range of electrical goods the supermarket is chopping out at hargain prices. At the same, time another long-standing member approached the BRC also seeking advice. It was Dixons, our higgest electrical goods retailer, which was hugely concerned about plans by one of the hig supermarkets to undercut its prices. Tesco. as il happened, and what was the BRC going to do about it?

Far flung

JOHN MURPHY used to run Interbrand, the specialist consultancy, before he sold it and



went into the more sedate areas of hotels and brewing. He owns St Peter's Brewery at Bungay, Suffolk, and has just received an extraordinary plea for money from, of all places. Andorra.

Murphy was at a conference this summer on brands and trademarks in Morocco. Sandra Cruzado of the Andorran trademark and patent office has just written saying what a pleasure it was to meet him there. (He has never heard of her.)

She is offering "our service for protection of your intellectual property" but only by December 7. please, as after this "no prior use will be possible to be claimed. He says none of his product goes to Andorra, but it is just feasible that someone there might decide to infringe on his trademark and produce there. "I'm not going to pay il - to shareholder.

are being taken for a ride, parocularly by breakaway former Soviet Union countries, for example, he says. The sums involved are so small, up to £2,000 to protect a trademark for ten years, that it is safer to pay than take the risk. When he started his new career Murphy bought the Ply-mouth Gin brand from Allied Domecq. He found more than 100 trademarks had been regis-

tered in the most obscure plac-

es. They were all of them

worthless."

hell with it." Murphy says. But plenty of large companies

THERE is an inspiring piece in Real Business about wacky bosses and how they go about making their businesses buzz. Lots of stories about practical jokes played on the staff - my, how they laughed. Until they were told to stop - and three

case histories. One is of PanCredit, a software house whose mayerick managing director nurtured a no-blame culture and avoided executive pensions, company cars and other bureaucratic trappings.

For some reason his name is omitted from the pen-portrait of his company and its revolutionary way of going about its business. Only in a postscript do you learn that Kevin Hughes, he of the "powerful but informal personality, had left abruptly after personality clashes with customers and the biggest institutional

Fashion tips

I AM not allowed to write much about Peter Young's appearance yesterday. But I have asked those more d la mode, perhaps, than Young himself and I can offer some

One, open sandals in November are a no-go. Two, the hippy look is so retro, of course, but the flowered skirt is too short. And that top? "Oxfam?" savs

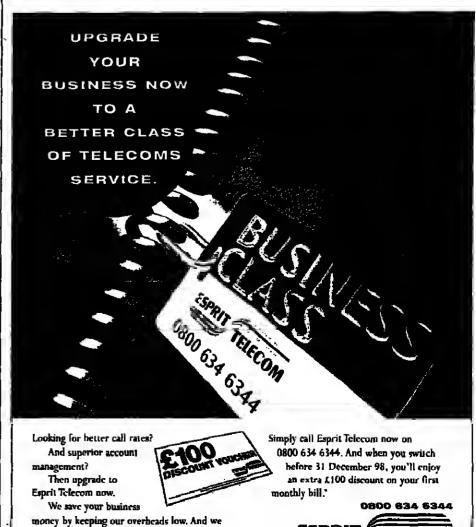
my informant. "I didn't think you could buy jumpers like that any more." And the shocking pink handbag? "Accesso-

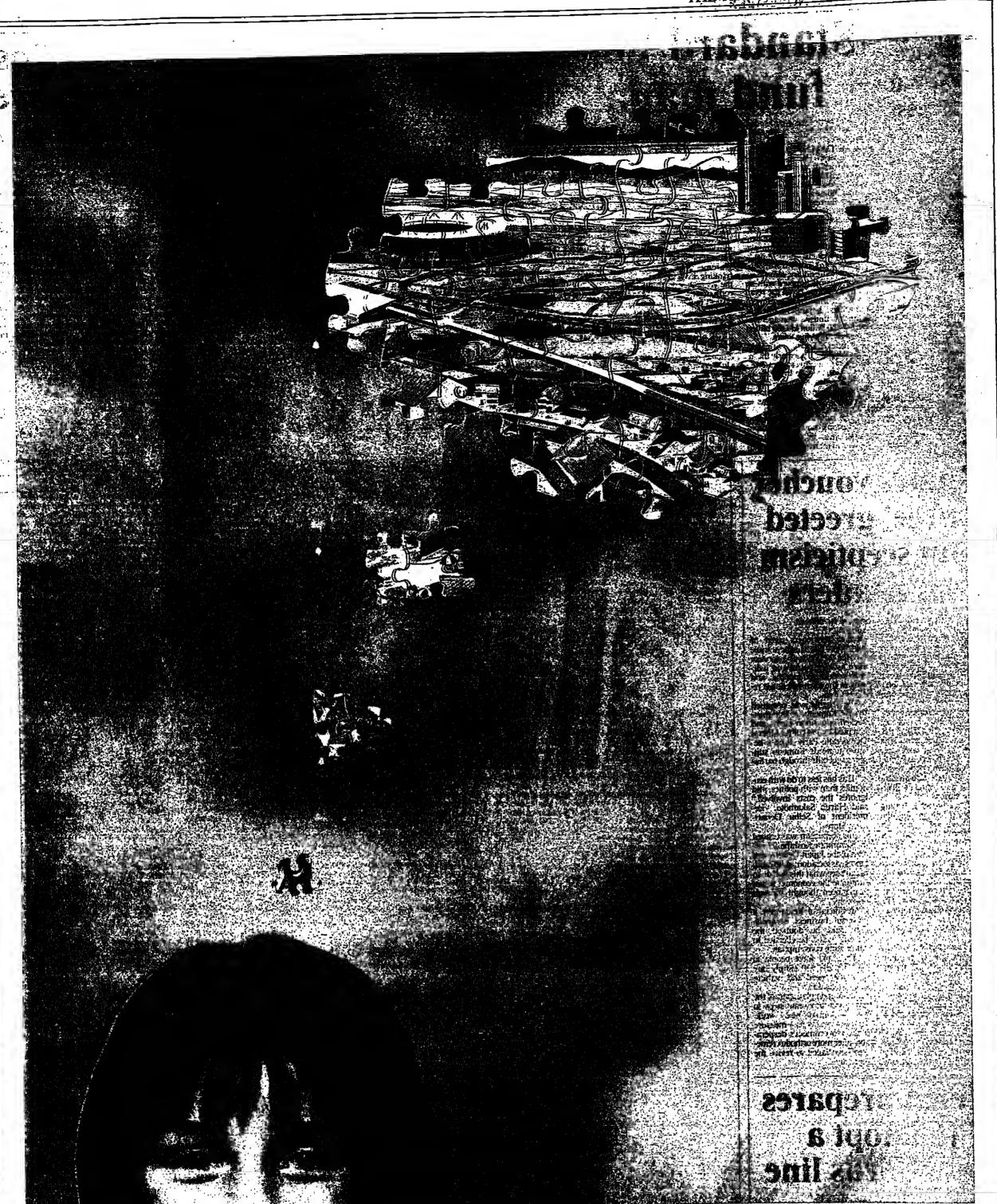
Think grey, Peter, or think black and think Prada. "It reminds me of the outfits nuns used wear once they left the order - they never could get it right," I am told.

MARTIN WALLER



Young: should think Prada





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BY RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

BRITISH Interactive Broadcasting (BIB), the planned home shopping group yester-day branded itself as Open... and said that it would deliver its first interactive services to the consumer by next spring.

Four retail groups have signed up for the virtual shopping mall — Great Universal Stores, Iceland, Midland Bank and Woolworths.

BIB, launched in May 1997, expects to invest up to 1997.

expects to invest up to £375 million in the venture. Its shareholders are BSkyB, in which News International, owner of The Times, has a 40 per cent interest, BT, Midland Bank and Matsushita.

As well as home shopping and banking. Open... will offer games provided by Visionik, a Danish games developer, and Talk 2I, a new e-mail system from BT. The first interactive television advertisers will be Coca-Cola, Ford and Unilever. James Ackerman Unilever. James Ackerman, chief executive of BIB, said that there would be a full mar-

Standard Life revea fund management

STANDARD LIFE the maintail al insurer based in Bullet burgh, is launching a faint management conspany in a bid to take on the top investment houses in the City.

As Europe's largest natural insurer, Standard Lie aiready manages money on technic of one in seven adults in the CK, through its wide rathe of pensions, annuities and inventment products

ment products.
Standard Life Investment the new subsidiary, ains to the ploit this track record with aggressive attack on the study and institutional investment markets, hoping to increase funds under management from £60 billion to £100 billion

from £60 billion to £100 billion over the next five years.

Under Sandy Crombie chief executive, formerly the insurer's chief investment officer, Standard Life investment officer, Standard Life investment officer, Standard Life investment in the UK, Canada and helionist. However, it has ambinious to become a global player.

The subsidiary will complete the subsidiary will complete in Edinburgh. It plans to increase staff by the to

with many fund managers who are laying off employees in a bid to cut costs. Mr Crombie said: "We have been planning this move for four years, during which time we have made significant investments in people and re-fined our processes."

Standard Life Investments marks a second stage in the instates's rapid expansion pro-gramme. Since launching a banking division at the start of the year, Standard has swept competitors aside, attracting over £1 billion from savers. Although the launch comes at a tricky time in world finan-

7 per cent a year, in contrast

cial markets, Standard Life believes fund management of-fers better margins than its tra-ditional core business of providing pensions. The new company is plan-

ning to take more than 5 per cent of the retail funds market, where it operates mainly through independent financial advisers, and in the corporate pooled funds market where it runs £6.9 billion for institution-



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Sandy Crombie, chief executive of Standard C.

Business Post vows to deliver improved sales

By CHRIS AYRES

BUSINESS POST, the parcel delivery group, vesterday al-tempted to put its boardroom roubles behind it, as it dedged to cut costs and im-

The company, whose shares baye iost almost a third of The company, whose shares love iost almost a third of their value over the past six mannis, has seen the recent departure of Atjek Jones, its managing director, and Torquil Montague-Johnstone, its finance director. It is expected that all pasting \$125,000 and \$1500 months, has seen the recent de-parture of Mick Jones, its mannance director. It is expected they will receive £125,000 and £45,000 in compensation re-

It is thought that the two thank founders, the brothers forer and Michael Kane. The brothers have now given up don't non-executive roles to become chief executive and managing director respectively. Peier Fitzwilliam, the formor head of finance for Odeon

Cinemas, has been appointed mana director.

The boardroom turmoil has iestified in provisions for re-

Business Post yesterday reported a 6 per cent fall in pretax profits from £9.4 million to £8.8 million for the six months to September 30, on sales of £52.5 million, up 12.7 per cent from £46.6 million.

lion. It added: "The board has already set in motion plans to rectify this situation and will be seeking to reduce the cost

base of the company."

Neil Benson, chairman, said: "Relative to our market these were satisfactory results. However, the cost base has risen too fast and the new management team has already focused on reducing this, while at the same time increasing our sales effort."

Shares in the company rose 2.5p to 345p yesterday.

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Japan's voucher 'spree' greeted with scepticism by retailers

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO-

JAPAN'S innovative scheme to give away shopping vouchers to prompt a consumer-led economic recovery may be the stuff of dreams on Britain's depressed high street, but Japaneses shopkeepers are deeply sceptical.

Retailers in Japan remain unconvinced that the handout will trigger the spending spree promised by the politicians who devised the scheme.

Under a plan agreed yesterday, shopping coupons worth 120 000 (1000 viill be distributed).

day, shopping coupons worth Y20,000 (£98) will be distribut-ed shortly to about 35 million Japanese citizens.

The Government is setting aside Y700 billion for the vouchers, which are supposed to overcome the resistance of Japanese consumers to open-

The idea is that giving away coupons will get people spending, serve to stimulate consumption and help lift the economy out of recession. The economy is in its worst downturn since the Second World War and stagnant domestic demand is the main culprit. Last week the Government

said that household spending dropped 1.5 per cent in September from a year earlier, the eleventh month of decline. Uncertainties about pensions and worries about rising unemployment have reinforced the nation's ingrained propensity

Under the plan, vouchers will be given to children under 16, to the bed-ridden and low-

ment.
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nomics than with folitics of said Harvo Salambio, vice president of Selbo Depart ment Store.

This scepticism was echecidby Kazumasa Koshiba; chair-Stores Association, whit said "I can't see what this will do to stimulate the economy. It just hasn't been thought through An official of Krademen

scheme would be elect

be announced ritin smacks to many as a mi of the Governm tion, after more orthog

Regal prepares to adopt a new Corus line

By DOMINIC WALSH He said Corus had de-iberately been chosen to give the group "a firem and modern" appeal, and to address the poor consumer awareness of the legal mine. But he emphasised that Corus would not replant a hotely

A RECENT trend towards corporate makeovers that has brought us the likes of Diageo, Zeneca and Arriva is about to envelop Regal Hotel Group. In an effort to throw off its dowdy image, the mid-market hotelier is to be reborn as Corus.

The new brand will be rolled out across the group's 91 hotels as part of an £80 million investment launched earlier

this year. As the three-year Regal name will eventually be phased out, the intention is

Charles Vere Nicoll, Regal's chairman, admitted that the group had been forced to drop its first choice after it was discovered that the name was used by a small French group. He expressed exasperation at "the vast amount of searching one has to do throughout the world to make sure nobody else already has a name".

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Mr Vere Nicoli refused to be drawn on the visit of the exercise, but added: " thenk it's been done very sere

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BASF arm fears gas shortage in Western Europe

FROM CARL MORTISHED IN FRANKFURT

WESTERN EUROPE could face a severe gas shortage and next century unless huge investments are made soon in new supply lines, it was

The chief executive of Wintershall, Germany's independent gas supplier and partner of Gazprom, the Russian gas company, predicted that Europe will face a shortfall of 80 billion cubic metres of gas by 2010, even if the initial Yamal pipeline, bringing gas from Siberia across Poland to Germany, is built on time.

Herbert Detharding, chief executive, said: "The current oil price is swinging the pendulum one way but there is no question it will be a seller's market by 2005. Norway is producing as much as it can. Holland is producing as much as it is allowed. Fortunately, there is currently additional supply from the UK North Sea." Mr Detharding said that the supply shortfall would equal two more Yamal pipe-lines: "If you want another US\$25 billion [£15 billion] project finished in time you had better start talking about

His comments coincided with the news that Winter-shall's parent, BASF, the German chemical combine, had suffered a 10 per cent decline in profits in the third quarter. The company gave warning that 1999 would be a difficult year and admitted that it

would fail to achieve its target return on assets of 13 per cent. Dr Jurgen Strube, chair-man of BASF, said that the return on assets for 1998 would even undershoot the previous year's figure of 12.6 per cent.

BASF's headline pre-tax profit for the third quarter was up 12 per cent to DM1.5 billion (£537 million) but Mr Strube said that the figure included the benefit of disposals as well as special charges in the previ-ous year. He predicted that profits would be slightly ahead for the full year. Dr Strube said that the Ger-

man Government's plans for energy taxes would hurt the company, costing BASF DM130 million a year at its Ludwigshafen plant. Falling sales in Asia and South America contributed to a 7 per cent fall in third-quarter revenue. Wingas, Wintershall's joint

venture with Gazprom, has

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captured more than 12 per cent of the German gas market and BASF is forecasting that its earning will increase fivefold

Dr Strube said that a sepa-rate stock market listing for Wintershall was something the company had considered. 'It is something we think about but we think at the moment it is better within BASF."

Mr Detharding said that more money needed to be spent to ensure that Siberian supplies arrived at the German border. Gazprom is building the Russian section of the 4,000km pipeline but the company is under financial pressure at home, with billions of dollars in bad debts due to non-payment by domestic customers for gas. Wingas recently completed

a pipeline link-up to the UK-Continent gas interconnector, which will allow surplus UK gas to be exported directly to Germany's industrial power-house in the North Rhine Westphalia region. The company plans to sell capacity to rivals, hoping to stimulate free competition in pipeline capacity. so far refused by Ruhrgas, the main competitor of Wingas.



Plane speaking: Terry Garthwaite, group finance director, left, with Andrew Parrish

Senior beefs up aerospace unit with Jet deal

SENIOR ENGINEERING is beefing up its aerospace divi-Products, an American parts supplier to both Boeing and Airbus, for £33.7 million.

The acquisition is the biggest yet made by Senior, whose chief executive is An-drew Parrish, and comes as aircraft makers and airlines prepare for a slowdown in

Glenn Timms, director of corporate development at Senior, said that when the aircraft market comes off its cyclical peak, probably in 1999, Jet will have the advantage of selling more parts for short-haul planes than long haul.

Some industry observers have predicted that demand for short-haul airliners will be strongest in the next few years. BA said earlier this week that it was switching to smaller aircraft on some routes to reduce overall capacity and increase

Jet is based in San Diego and made pre-tax profits of about £5 million in the year to

September 30 on sales of about £27.2 million. It makes rings and flanges for turbine

markets.
The Senior deal will enrich Ronald Blair, the president of Jet and owner of 40 per cent of the company, by £13.5 million, Mr Blair, who will stay with Jet as general manager, will take £2.4 million of this payment in Senior thans, which ment in Senior shares, which, like most companies in the engineering sector, have turnbled in the past few months. Since the summer, when they reached a high of 245%p, the shares have nearly halved in

Mr Timms said the group may make more small acquisitions, possibly in its automotive division, where Senior supplies flexible connectors and other parts mainly to the American market

He said interest cover after the Jet deal will stand at about eight times but it is unlikely that Senior will go below six

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UMECO looks to spend £20m

BY SAAED SHAH

UMECO, the aerospace parts and service group, is seeking acquisitions and could spend up to £20 million on the right deal without needing to go to the equity market.

The company yesterday announced the sale of its Fluid Transfer subsidiary for E7.15 million. It has a £10 million credit line in place with bankers and the disposal will boost net cash reserves to £8 million.

Clive Snowdon, chief execu-tive, said UMECO, which has just secured an Il-year con-tract to supply Rolls-Royce, is hoping to conclude at least one acquisition before March 1999. He said that the sale of

Fluid Transfer completed the reorganisation of the group. There now remains only one non-aerospace business in the

company, GRP Material Supplies, a glass fibre distributor. "There has been no slow-down in civil aviation orders and we expect the military side to pick up with the boost from the Eurofighter project," Mr Snowdon said.

Pre-tax profit for the six months to September 30 was up 33 per cent from last time at £2.7 million, with turnover 17 per cent higher at £26.7 million. Earnings per share were 12.0p (9.7p) and the interim dividend is 2.4p (2.1p).

BISNES TO HOUSE Paramount set for acquisition trail

PARAMOUNT, the tenanted pub group based in Chester, is rakamount, the tenanted pub group based in Chester, is to hit the acquisition trail after putting its past problems behind it. Christopher Mills, who was appointed chairman at the time of a rights issue in January 1997, is to step down after overseeing the group's financial reconstruction and its return to profitability.

Westerday, Mr Mills unveiled a recovery from losses of £1.4 million to a pre-tax profit of £539,000 in the year to May 31, with fully diluted earnings per share reaching 2.71p, compared with losses last year of 7.04p, which were caused by property writedowns and bad debts. There is still no dividend by writedowns and bad debts. There is still no dividend however a management for the property in which North. dend, however. A spokesman for Paramount, in which Nomura is a 10 per cent shareholder, said: This is now a clean company with 150 pubs in the North West and it is looking to build the business by actively seeking deals. They are looking at all the options, be it sale and leasebacks or securitisation or

Tilemaker in black

PILKINGTON'S TILES, formerly known as Quiligotti, returned to profit in the first half of this year, earning £1.6 million before tax in the six months to September 30, compared with a loss of £323,000 in the first half of the previous year. Earnings were 0.6p a share, against losses of 0.3p last time. There is again no interim dividend but the company said it was "increasingly confident" of being able to pay a final dividend. The shares were unchanged at 11p yesterday. The comdend. The shares were unchanged at 11p yesterday. The com-pany said net debt had been reduced by £922,000 to £4.8 mil-lion since the last year end. giving gearing of 34.5 per cent.

Capita completes stake

CAPITA GROUP, the outsourcing company, is to acquire the outstanding 33 per cent stake it does not own in Equitable Revenue Holdings for £8.2 million. Equitable is a debt recovreverse Frontings for 622 minion. Equitative is a develop-ery company serving the local government sector. In 1997 the company earned pre-tax profits of £2.65 million on t 'mover of £11.4 million. Net assets were £1.96 million at the last year end. Paul Pindar, managing director of Capita, said the acqui-sition would give access to Equitable's call centre and custom-er services infrastructure to assist other parts of the company

BA signs for Airbus

BRITISH AIRWAYS has signed a purchase agreement for 59 single-aisle Airbus aircraft. The contract is the first firm order arising from the airline's announcement in August that it would buy up to 188 A320 aircraft. making Airbus the main supplier of its single-aisle short-haul fleet. All will be powered by IAE engines. The order is the first that BA has place directly with Airbus. This week, BA said that it was cutting back its planned increase in seat capacity next year from 8 per cent to 2 per cent as the world economic slowdown hits air travel.

SB to help smokers

SMITHKLINE Beecham is to spend £12 million on the UK launch of its smoking cessation patches, which are to be offered with specially tailored advice for each smoker who uses them. The nicotine replacement patches, which will be called NiQuitin CQ in the UK, will come with a free phone number that will allow customers to give details of their smoking habits to SmithKline Beecham. After analysing the information. the healthcare company will within 48 hours despatch a "behavioural support plan" to give the most appropriate advice.

UK mergers fall back

TOTAL UK mergers and acquisitions activity fell back sharply in the third quarter of this year, at £12.5 hillion, compared with £19.8 billion in the preceding quarter, yesterday's official figures showed. The component that slowed the most was domestic acquisitions by UK companies, which fell from £11.9 billion in the second quarter to £5.7 billion in the third. With the total number of intra-UK acquisitions remaining high the figures suggested a greater number of mid- and small-cap

Atrium Cockell deal

LOMOND UNDERWRITING, the Lloyd's company, is to merge with privately owned Arrium Cockell Group, Lomond is issuing 13.2 million new shares to the vendors of Atrium Cockells, valued at £25 million at the price of 194½p at which the shares remain suspended. Atrium Cockell's two managed syndicates 570 and 609 have a capacity for the 1999 year of account of about £116 million. Sir Raymond Johnstone, chairman of Lomond, will chair the enlarged group, called Atrium Underwriting. Shares begin trading on December 3.

Ashtene expands

ASHTENE HOLDINGS, the property investment company specialising in the industrial sector, has acquired four additional industrial estates in the Midlands for £5.5 million. showing an initial yield of 11.5 per cent. Three properties in Derby, Nottingham and West Bromwich were acquired from 1M Properties for £4.7 million and a property in Brackley, Northamptonshire, was acquired from the receivers of LPA. Last month, Ashtene also completed six disposals, raising

Columbus purchase

COLUMBUS GROUP, the provider of information to business and the consumer sector, is buying EFM Publishing, publisher of European Fund Manager magazine, for a profit-related consideration of up to £2 million. The magazine was founded in January 1996 and is distributed to 9,000 fund managers and investment institutions in 20 countries. EFM earned pre-tax profits of £141,000 on turnover of £752,000 in the year to January 31.

men's suit purchase. SPECIAL EVENTS: Lisa Armstrong, Times fashion editor, will make three fashion presentations at Ipm, 2pm and 3pm. Lisa Grainger, Times Weekend shopping editor's top ten Christmas gift selection will be on show. Jayne Dowle, editor of metro, will be at Liberty between 4pm-5pm to help you to choose Christmas books. The event is free but if you would like to make a donation to charity, call Great Ormand Street Donation telephone line: 0171-916 5678, or send a cheque, made payable to Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity, to: Great Ormond Street Fundraising Dept, 40-41 Queen Square, London WCIN 3AJ. TO RECEIVE YOUR INVITATION send a stamped (first-class) sae (110x220mm or larger) to: The Times/Liberty Christmas Shopping Event, Customer Services, Level 4, 1 Virginia Street, London El 9BD. Offers are redeemable with Times invitation only. CHANGING TIMES



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Nissan in red as Japanese car sales slump

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

NISSAN announced a net loss a breakdown for each of its of 32.55 billion yen (£159.6 million) for the half-year to the end of September and said that it expected a consolidated net loss of Y30 billion for the full year.

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Japan's second-biggest car manufacturer, which had previously forecast that it would break even, said that a severe slump in domestic car sales and large appraisal losses on securities holdings would bring about its sixth consolidated net loss in seven years.

First-half sales fell 7.7 per cent, with domesoc sales down 11.8 per cent, and exports sliding 3.6 per cent.

Nissan's performance in Europe provided a shaft of light in an otherwise bleak picture. The company projected a Y5 billion profit for the full fiscal year from its operations in Europe, including plants in the UK and Spain. But officials declined to give

manufacturing and sales operations, and would not say how a drastic restructuring and cost-cutting drive might affect the Sunderland plant or individual operations in

Nissan said that it had lowered its forecast for domestic and overseas vehicle production. ti now expected a YS bil-lion loss in America, compared with an inioal breakeven forecast. Nissan expects a Y10 billion loss in Mexico due in large part to the peso's slide against the dollar.

Hit by the fall in Japanese share prices, Nissan said it suffered an appraisal loss of Y76 billion on its securities holdings.

Kanemitsu Anraku, managing director, emphasised that the company would step up aggressive efforts to trim costs. cut debts and reduce the number of models.

He said: "The situation has grown more severe, and we'll have to consider additional steps if our reform plans are insufficient."

In its large-scale restructur-ing programme, Nissan has sold off part of its Tokyo headquarters, shed assets including an advertising subsidiary. and has embarked on reducing the number of models and vehicle platforms. The company hopes to reduce its debts. which currently stand at Y3,900 billion, by about Y400 billion during the current financial year.

Nissan's range is widely seen as unexciting, and financial constraints have hindered development of completely new models. The result is that Nissan has suffered more than its principal rivals Toyota and Honda from Japan's worsening reces-sion and consumers' deep reluctance to spend.



John Morgan says Porvair suffered difficult trading conditions in the third quarter and a restructuring plan is now in place

Porvair shares slide as loss looms

after the manufacturer of microporous materials said it expected to incur a pre-tax loss in the current year (Martin

Barrow writes).
John Morgan, chairman, said the company had experienced difficult trading across many of its activities in the third quarter of the year, which cormally accounts for more than 50 per cent of annual profits on some 30 per cent of sales.

As a result, group turnover in the year to the end of this month was now expect-

SHARES of Porvair fell Ittisp yesterday ed to be 10 per cent lower than in 1997. A Sales from filtration and footwear have number of restructuring measures are now being implemented, giving rise to an exceptional charge of E3 million, plung-ing the company into the red. Io 1997 Por-vair earned pre-tax profits of £6.8 million. Porvair has suffered from weak export

demand due to the strong pound. Some 80 per cent of the group's UK production is sold overseas.

The distribution businesses of Porvair

Fabrics, Socks and Permair Leathers will incur losses of more than £2 million. been hard hit and Porvair Ceramics has seen orders postponed until next year. Cost-cutting measures will include a 14 per cent reduction in the workforce, with some loss-making businesses closed and marginal product lines discontinued.

Yesterday's share price fall saw £28.68 million wiped off Porvair's market value to around £33 million. Mr Morgan said: "Core businesses remain profitable in these difficult times. Cashflow is strong. Trading prospects for 1999 are good."

Oftel cuts back in drive for flexibility

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE TELECOMS watchdog has overhauled the way it operates in order to respond more speedily to business and

customers. The shake-up has cut the key departments in the organisation from ten to two. David Edmonds, the telecoms regulator, said that would enable a more flexible response to communication companies seek-

ing guidance and to customers making complaints.

While Oftel has been praised in the past for its decision-making, it has been criticised for the length of time it has taken to make judgments. This has been seen as problematic for such a quickly

developing industry.

Mr Edmonds implemented the changes after being ques-doned by the Public Accounts Committee, the parliamentary

spending watchdog.

Oftel is to have its funding increased by the Treasury from £10.5 million to £11.7 million to pay for extra resources.

Espresso bar chain to steam ahead with expansion plan RV DOMINIC WALSH

the espresso bar chain, frothed does not disclose capital ex-30 per cent higher yesterday as the AIM-listed group unveiled better than expected maiden half-year results.

Turnover for the six months to September 30 soared from £600,000 to £1.9 million although losses reached £700,000 due to rapid expansion allied to a conservative accounting policy on opening expenses. However, this was ahead of broker forecasts of about £850,000 at the time of the group's listing 12 months ago. It joined the market through a reverse takeover of

Arion Properties. Like-for-like sales grew by an impressive 24 per cent and the shares, which had dived from a high in March of 27p on fears of an economic slowdown, rose 3p higher to 13p.

Since March the group has more than doubled in size from 11 stores to 25 — its 25th opens in York on Friday and it expects to have about 35

SHARES in Coffee Republic. by next spring. The company penditure levels, but new stores are thought to cost an average of about £150,000.

Bobby Hashemi, managing director of Coffee Republic. said the company was "right on schedule" with its development programme and was seeing no sign of any slowdown in sales. "I'm not saying we're recession-proof, but our average spend, at south of £2.50 a head, clearly puts us in a comfortable position vis-a-vis other retailers. We are a small

He said that signs of a sof-tening in property prices were also benefiting its expansion programme, particularly in London where most of its new stores are planned.

However, it is also considering opportunities in Birmingham, Liverpool, Leeds and Manchester. "At this stage we have enough cash to last us until next summer," said Mr Hashemi.

Ryanair profits up 24% as new routes take off

RYANAIR, Ireland's cut-price airline, yesterday said record first-half figures for passenger traffic, revenues and profits reflected the successful launch of six new routes from London

The company announced a 24 per cent rise in pre-tax profits in the six months to Sept-



O'Leary: cause for optimism

ember 30 at 1r£29.38 million (£26.71 million), on turnover of Ir £130.46 million, against Earnings were Irl3.75p a share, up from Irl1.84p.

Michael O'Leary, chief execuove, said he was optimistic about the rest of the financial year despite the intense competition at the low fare end of the market.

He said that the success of the new routes, which had been profitable since their launch, showed that the company was "taking low fare compedion to BA, SAS, Alitalia and Air France".

Mr O'Leary said Ryanair was concerned that the lack of consumer confidence in the UK may hit demand. But he added: "Ryanair is well posiooned with substanoal cash, a strong balance sheet and the lowest cost base which will enable it to withstand any short-term downturns."

Record sales send Wal-Mart past \$1bn

WAL-MART Stores, the largest retailer. achieved record sales that drove third-quarter second quarter in a row.

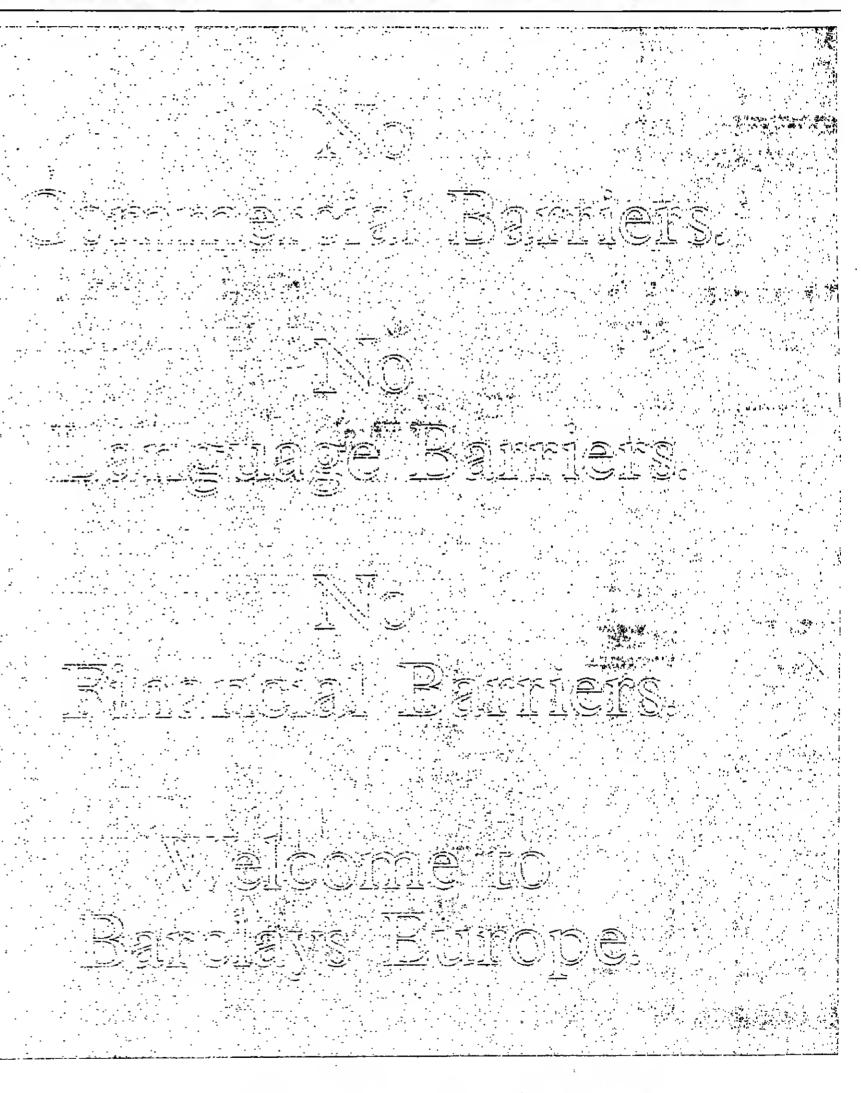
net income above the \$1 billion mark (£602 million) for the

The American operator of discount stores and Sam's Club warehouses reported profits of \$1.009 billion, or 45 cents per share, up 27.4 per cent from \$792 million a year

ago.Third-quarter sales rose 16.4 per cent to a record \$33.5 billion from \$28.7 billion.

At the end of October the company had I,863 Wal-Mart stores, 543 Supercenters, and 450 Sam's Clubs in the US.

The group has more than 600 operations internationally. Worldwide, the company employs almost 900,000 people, of which 780,000 are based in the US.



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John Tomlinson sings the ENO's new Boris

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DANCE UNINSPELLA: New York chareographer Stephen Koplawitz uses the new British Library as the setting for his letted mutil-media, event, flabel Index. A fusion of dence, music and side projection, Koplowitz's work involves 54 performers and takes the audience on a journey through the building's public arreas. British Library (0171-387 0031).

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BATH: A vieit by the Nash Ensemble to the Mozartiest offers a colourful musical midure of Mozart, Hummel, Schumson and Brahms, whose Plano Quartet in G concludes the programme. With soloist, Ian Brown. Feetiwal Box Office (01225 46362). Assembly Rooms. Tonight, 7,30pm.

HAM: Paevo Jervi condu ie City of Birminghum Symphony irchestra. Dvoršić s Cello Concerto priormed by the acclaimed Norwe n cellst Truls Mark, is flanked by price by Smellans and Strevinely, exploring Hell (0121-212 3333). POOLE. Central to this evening's concert by the Bournamouth Symptomy Orchestra conducted by Adam Placher is Mendelsonin's First Violin Concerto. Mether's Marine Switch Violin Concerto. Mahier's Sumine and the joyous Fourth Symphon

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THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST: Touring production with Liza Goddard as Lady Bracknell and Dora Bryan an Miss Prism. Richmond (0181-940 0088) 5

NUCH ADO ABOUT EVERY-THING: Jackie Mason's new oneman show brings a sharp eye and a culting longue to the current scene. See review, right. Playhouse (0171-839 4401). (5) ☐ ENNIO MARCHETTO: The man with the trousend sheets of paper; light-ning transformations of the femous and infamous. Lyric, W6 (0181-741 8701). GUIDING STAR: Jonathen Hervey's Hilleborough afternath placomes to the National, Cotlesioe (0171-452 3000), Opena tonight, Tom, (§)

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Intensely comical and touching. Comedy (0171-369 1731). E SIMPLY BARBRA: Homage to La Streteand by New York specialist Surver Brithers, who looks and sourcis remarkably (Be the lady, Jermyn Street (0171-267 2675).

☐ STRANDED; Scarlet Theatre's devised piece based on Ugo Betti's best-lanown play about three women and a stranger, Crime on Goor Mand. Young Vic (0171-928 6353). ☐ E BRITANNICUS; Diena Fligg and Toty Stephene play the appelling Agrip-pine and her impedial son Nero in Racine's great political desma, Jonethan Kent directs Robert Devid MacDonald's translation. MecDoneld's translation. Albery (0171-369 1730).

☐ AMADEUS: David Suchet plays Salied with Michael Shean as Mezzet in Peter Hell's strongly cast production of the Shaffer play, Old Via (0171-928 7616).

FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

Geoff Brown's choice of the latest movies

NEW RELEASES

ANTZ (PG): Neurotic ant finds himself a war herd. Ingerious computer-generated stimation, matched to the voices of Woody Allers, Steron Stone and Sulvester Staffons. GIFILS TOWN (15): High-school

seensgers develop girt power. Awkward and punchy American belensedern film, with 131 Tealor Director, Jim McKey MY NAME IS JOE (15): Reformed

Glasgow alcoholic begins an awkward romance with a healthcare director Ken Loach, With Pet

THE PLAYERS CLUB (18): Lively but distriguelled tate of a single mother who gets in trouble working as a stripper. With Lise Raye; written end directed by rapper-turned-ector ice

SNAKE EYES (15): Nicolas Cago's compt homicide cop is taged with a political assessination. About thilled with lots of technical rezzle-dezzle from director Brian De Palms. CURRENT

THE EXORCIST (18): The Devil takes possession of 14-year-old Linde Blair, A milestone in movie honor, re-released on its 25th anniversery.

PUNNY GAMES (16): Two terragen take a holidaying tarally hostage. Cool, precise truller from Austrian director Michael Hanelos that plays PRIMARY COLORS (15): John

Travolla's Presidential candidate rures into sex scendate. Very policited political sealine, outstripped by recent events. With Emma Thompson. STILL CRAZY (15): A long-disbande

70s rock group attempt a comeduck, Mildly pleasent British comedy, with Bill Nighy, Stephen Rea, Billy Connelly, Timothy Spall and Jimmy Nall. Director, Brien Gibson.

SMALL SOLDIERS (PG): Action liquies implanted with US Defence department chips give auburbia a leard time, inventive femily film lecad with adult settre. Joe Center directs Kinster Dunst and Gregory Smith.



Ian McKellen as Dr Dorn and Clare Higgins as Irina Arkadina are both excellent in Jude Kelly's engrossing production of Chekhov's The Seaguli

Take me, I'm yours

an McKellen has been telling anybody who will listen that he is tired of London, London theatres and London audiences; but, on the evidence of the first of the three performances he is giving at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, he is not also tired Compared with Prospero

and Garry Essendine in Present Laughter, which follow in the next three months. Dr Dorn is a small role, and it is often played as if it were less important than one of the samovars that conventionally litter revivals of Chekhov. But McKellen brings an idiosyncratic freshness and humour to the character, without giving him more or less weight than his place in one of the play's two love-chains merits.

AS LONG as muffins and cucumber sandwiches are scoffed in the shires

loves Trigorin. I don't know a play in which Cupid is so busy and the victims of his arrows so often frustrated. Usually the casting focuses your attention on Arkadina and Trigorin. Kostia and him, confusedly loves the son Sprightly old dear Oscar Wilde's 103-year-old classic The importance of Being Earnest will like a Victorian sofa and bristling with stalk our stages like an eccentric, eldercontempt, Liza Goddard's fierce Brackly matron. At the Richmond Theatre in southwest London, Val May's reassurnell advances on Ernest as if she were ingly old-fashioned production slots two intervals into Wilde's three act vergoing to dismember him for daring to propose to her daughter, Gwendolen.

Kostia, who loves Nina, who

loves the novelist Trigorin.

Polina, wife of the steward of

the Sorin estate, loves Dorn,

who carries a bit of a torch for

the actress Arkadina, who

non's morning room by Lady Bracknell. bred in a handbag is inspired as much For a fleeting moment one has the imby his social presumption as by the circumstances of his birth. pression that Algernon's aunt is capable of physical violence. Upholstered It is also, of course, exquisitely ridicu-

While some Bracknells are measured by their warbles, Goddard should be

measured for her steel. Her eerily quiet

outrage that Ernest should have been

Actually, the strength of THEATRE Jude Kelly's production - performed on a sparely furnished stage that runs, tennis-court style, between opposing tiers of spectators - is that it makes you unusually aware of emo-tional chains whose links might be made of magnets fac-ing the wrong way. The bor-ing schoolmaster Medved-enko loves Masha, who loves Nina; and the presence of the excellent Clare Higgins in Kel-

ly's company ensures that this is still somewhat the case. But her Arkadina is not the egomaniac diva of theatrical tradition. True, she wears a series of florid dresses. True, she uses her actress's wiles to lure Trigorin beneath the diningroom tablecloth, where protruding feet and flailing bits of arm suggest they have full if flurried sex. But, far more than most Arkadinas, she leaves you feeling she adores

customary, you don't doubt that Will Keen's Kostia is obsessed with Nina and, although her initial feelings seem abnormally puppyish, you know by the end that Claudie Blakley's Nina is abjectly besotted with Trigorin.
As Trigorin himself, who

has the luck to be in love with nobody, Timothy Walker lollops and fidgets so much you half-expect him to launch into a Scots reel; but he does suggest that in his own way he shares a restlessness that extends to Susie Baxter's Polina, whose feelings for Dorn are only partly explained by the fact that, as played by Willie

she neglects, and is artlessly

delighted by their seeming rec-

onciliation at the end.

Although he cuts a cooler.

more intellectual figure than is

Ross, her husband is a weird cross between a monocled Jorrocks and a loudmouthed Lancashire comedian with a pudding-bowl hat. And Mckellen? A slightly

battered, over-the-hill figure in an old grey suit, he still has an eye and sometimes a kiss for the ladies, as well a wry, bantering manner that escalates now into a jokey wiggle of his body, now into a Slavic leap on to the prone form of some surprised patient. His Dorn is warmer and kinder than most I have seen, and a lot funnier than you probably expect McKellen to be. A nice per-formance — and a nicely balanced, engrossing production.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

of lechery in her voice when she deciares to the venerable Reverend Cr uble that ripeness can be trusted.

Meanwhile, Robin Lermitte's Ernest slopes gloomily from one piece of furniture to another as if this ritual might somehow help to change his name from plain old John Worthing to the Ernest that Tracey Child's intimidating Gwendolen so imperiously demands. It is an eye-catching performance and the most earnest of the evening. But the real pleasure of May's production is that it remains valiantly, stylishly and deeply insincere.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

Slurring his jokes

ccording to a newspa-per profile last week-end Jackie Mason is the Bernard Manning of Brooklyn". Whoever wrote that has obviously never seen Don Rickles, a genuine master of the racial shur. It is true that Mason doles out stereotypes, but as 95 per cent of them are aimed at his fellow Jews, it is hard to take offence when he fires a shot in the direction of cartoon feminists. There also remains the fact that he can be extraordinarily funny.

This time around, London is getting a preview of the new show, Much Ado About Every-thing, that he is taking to Broadway. "New" being a relative term, since a surprising number of the gags — the dif-ference between Clinton's and Nixon's lies, and the whitemen-can't-jump routine — are



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warmed up from past performances. In spite of the Shakespearean title and the thespian-like portrait on the pro-gramme. Mason prefers topical themes. The gays-in-the-Cabinet affair provided him with ample material in the first half of the evening, but you sensed that he was still working the punchlines into shape, as if unsure of his audience. The fidgety mannerisms and conversational tics are worth savouring nevertheless. And whenever he takes off on one of his riffs about Jewish insecurities, the laughter is unstoppable. Accustomed to thinking of his people as physi-cal cowards, he is astonished by the Israeli Army: "I thought

they were Puerto Ricans."
Much of the humour lies in the subtle tone of voice. I can report the joke about an elderly Jewish John Glenn being harangued by his wife - "How come you can't take me?" but there is no way of conveying the wry delivery.

The last time I saw him he ieeiuliy m OJ. Simpson trial. The Lewinsky case gives him an even better opening. He feigns disbelief: for a Jewish girl, oral sex is talking about a condominium. His contempt for Clinton comes through all too clearly at times, above all in an uncharacteristically crude abortion joke. Tasteless? Perhaps. Then again, that half-suppressed anger is what makes his shows so rewarding.

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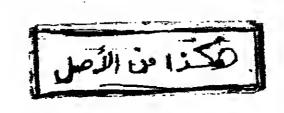
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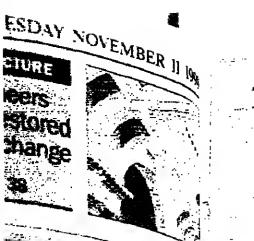
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FILM: Sweden's Stellan Skarsgård

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lthough he has been an actor for more than 30 years, Siellan Skarsgard made audiences in this country sit up and take nooce two years ago when he played Emily Watson's paralysed husband in the Cannes Grand Prix winner Breaking the Waves. "It was extremely claustropho-bic," the Swedish actor remem-

"Usually 1 don't sit still for five minutes when 1 in filming. pace back and

forth on the set all the day but there I was strapped into a bed and it was terrible." This week Skarsgård suffers definitely from a different onscreen disability as a detective on the pin-up. I trail of a murderer in the Norwegian director Erik Skolddon't have bjaerg's debut feature Insomnia. Althe body? though ostensibly a murder mystery, the film is really a

character study of a man whose inner demons are brought to light in the Arctic summer of the land of the midnight sun.

"He's already on his way to breakdown when he comes there," explains Skarsgård. The continual bright light is partly an image of what's go-ing on inside him and also a trigger for his unbalance. Because he can't sleep, it makes him more vulnerable and breaks him down faster. He's trying desperately lo stay in control, to protect his façade of being the perfect cop. What ateverything was going on in-side him and he was not letting anything out. He's like a pressure cooker."

While Skarsgård did not himself suffer from insomnia. he did find working in 24-hour daylight an unsenling experience. "It creates a certain kind of confusion. You rarely get sleepy but you do get fired and your body clock gets totally mixed up. My kids were out playing at two o'clock in the morning." The film was shot in Skoldbjaerg's

home town of Tromso which, despite the romanoc image of sunlight on snow implicit in the "land of the midnight sun" tag. comes over as a desolate and brutally industrialised part of the world. "Erik's not very romantic about his home town," says Skarsgard. "But the bleakness and

ugliness that he shows in the film suit the story very well." Although the film is made in Norwegian, Skarsgard's character is Swedish and he speaks his own lan-The three languages, Danish. Swedish and Norwegian, are basically the same. There are some words that are different and the pronunciation is very different but we can understand each other."

Skarsgård has appeared in dozen or more Swedish films. Some of them, such as Sven Nykvist's The Ox and Ake Sandgren's The Slingshot, have been widely praised tracted me to the role was that outside his own country. But



Busy Swede: with the Norwegian mystery Insomnia out this week, and the Hollywood thriller Ronin released next week, Breaking the Waves star Stellan Skarsgård is going global

in the past few years he has been seen increasingly in English-speaking roles and, in a similar way to fellow Swede Max von Sydow some 25 years ago, Skarsgård now seems on course for international screen

As well as Breaking the the abolitionist Lewis Tappan in Spielberg's slave drama Amistad and the envious mathematics professor in Good Will Hunning. He was also Denis Quaid's sidekick in the Bosnian war drama Savior and the lascivious German businessman in Hanif Kurei-

shi's My Son the Fanatic. Next week he opens here in John Frankenheimer's action thriller Ronin, in which he, Robert De Niro and Jean Reno are part of an international team of espionage mercenaries made redundant by the end of the Cold War, who are hired to steal a mysterious briefcase. In contrast to the internalised action of Insomnia. Ronin is virtually non-stop external action, with spectacular

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car chases all over France. "Action films are fun and quite refreshing if you don't do them all the time, but it's a different technique," Skarsgård explains. 'The scenes are never about the characters. You have to try to squeeze some character into a scene which is really about forwarding the plot and give the audience the feeling that he has other di-mensions even if he's only showing one."

or the character he plays in Ronin, who is, he says, "totally explained. I made up this enormous back story which actually makes him in his eyes a good guy, even though that doesn't show in the movie".

There is more action for Skarsgård in The Deep Blue Sea, a film he made recently in Mexico, "I play shark food," he says dryly, "I get eaten about an hour into the film. The story is about scientists on a research platform out at sea. who are experimenting with genetic tampering on sharks to enhance the size of their brains, which they think will provide a cure for Alzheimer's. But the experiments make the sharks get smarter. I'm the

first scientist to be eaten." Skarsgård started acting as a child and at lo starred in a ries. He then joined the Royal Dramatic Theatre in Stockholm, where he stayed for 16 years. "I learnt my craft by carrying spears, going in and out in different wigs and false beards, and by emulating or rather stealing from older and more talented actors. But I made sure that I stole from a variety of actors so that no one could trace the theft."

Skarsgård is now a young looking 47, tall, with slightly receding fair hair and warm blue eyes, sometimes half hidden behind scholarly, wire-rimmed spectacles. He has been happily married for 24

years and has six children ranging in age from 22 to two and a haif, but he also has the sort of magnetism which turns female heads when he walks into the room. It's a power he modestly denies. "I can't see myself in that light. I'm defi-

nitely not a pin-up. I don't have the body for it."

As far as the possibility of in-ternational stardom is concerned, Skarsgård is laid-back to say the least. "I try to make the movies I enjoy most. I don't want to be a star; I want to remain an actor."

Insomnia opens on Friday: Ron-

POP: World music's exuberant chart-topping superstars come to London; one of Nashville's finest comes of age; and a Seventies icon starts to show hers

Beanfeast for Zulu rhythms

onday was world music night on the South Bank with the centre's three concert halls offering a mouth-watering choice of Virginia Rodrigues from Brazil, Orchestre National de Barbes from north Africa. and South Africa's unlikely chart toppers, Ladysmith Black Mambazo. I opted for the latter and if it was frustrating that such fine concerts should clash, it was at least gratifying that roots music, still regarded as a "minority" interest, can sell out all three venues on the same evening.

Ladysmith have had a remarkable 12 months and are now enjoying the greatest commercial success of their career. Although the Zulu troupe was formed 30 years ago, they only emerged on to a world stage when Paul Simon invited them to appear on his Graceland album in 1985. Last year their a cappella voices featured in the Heinz baked beans television commercial and the exposure resulted in a Top 20 single with Inkanyezi Nezazi. Last month they released The Star and the Wiseman, a compilation of their best recordings from the past dozen years. The album swiftly went platinum, with only Phil Collins keeping their unaccompanied tribal harmonies from the No 1 spot.

As a result this was not your regular world-music audience but a far wider cross-section of the record-buying public. Most had clearly not heard of Busi Mhlongo, who warmed them up with a dose of Zulu funk which will hopefully per-



suade more people to investigate her excellent new album. Urbanzulu. But they cheered wildly as the ten-strong Ladysmith ran on stage, led by Joseph Shabalala, and began in full-on gospel mode with King Of Kings.

Two further numbers on the theme of peace, love and understanding caused a few to fidget but Shabalala knew exactly how to pace the show and launched into Abdala, an amusing song about the gener-ation gap. They followed with Hello My Baby, a slice of 1950s doo-wop South African style, Shabalala's soft voice off-set against the deeper tones of the rest of the troupe and the percussion provided by clicking tongues and other inventive vocal effects.

The limitations of an all-vocal group were easily surmounted by the sheer exuberance of their show but for the woman behind me h was too much of a good thing. "Why can't they stop grinning and waving just for one song?" she complained. She was a lone voice and when the audience recognised Ikanvezi Nezazi from the Heinz adven they raised the roof before Home less, the song Shabalala wrote for Simon, proved a fitting finale to an uplifting evening.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

The grey's showing

emerge from New York's late-Seventies rock scene. Blondie mixed punk attitude with pop sensibility, brought disco and rap to mainstream attention. then dissolved in illness and acrimony in 1982. On Monday night, fielding four original members and two new recruits, the band's first reunion tour for more than 15 years kicked off at Wolverhampton Civic Hall. Alas, they have not grown old gracefully.

At 53, singer Deborah Harry is two years younger than Mick Jagger and six behind Tina Turner. Her glacial beau-ty and woozily sensual voice have both diminished, but only slightly. Thus it was hardly a question of age which marred her performance on Monday, more one of dignity. During Blondie's prime, Harry seemed aloof and indestructible, a post-feminist bridge between Marilyn Monroe and Madonna. By now sbe ought to be the Catherine Deneuve of pop, iconic and untouchable. But in Wolverhampton she behaved more like Jennifer Saunders in Absolutely Fabulous, romping clumsily across the stage, delivering ever more eccentric shricks and bizarre facial expressions.

In fairness, veteran Blondie fans could scarcely have wished for a more glioering set. Aside from a few anodyne tasters for the band's new alburn, No Exit, scheduled for release early next year, every song was a former chart hit or much-loved album track. From the saccharine sighs of Sunday Girl to the futuristic Wolvemampton.

melodrama of Atomic, this show was a persuasive re-minder that Blondie were ooce a pop singles band par excellence. Sadly. it also highlighted how passionless and pedestrian these archive gems can sound in the drearily prosaic context of a live show.

Perhaps the chief problem is that Blondie were always more of a studio creation than an orthodox rock group. They were as much Pop Art as pop. a highly stylised and wilfully synthetic product whose impressive run of hit singles in the late Seventies owed a heavy debt to British bubblegum pop producer Mike Chapman. Inevitably, stripwheezed where once it would have sparkled and soured. But Harry did the songs few favours either. Having re-

cently carved a second career as a jazz singer, she introduced some shrill scat-rap improvisations into the lilting reggae serenade The Tide Is High which were simply embarrassing. She finally won the crowd over during the final encore of Heart Of Glass. a million-selling chart-topper back in 1979, but even this was more a case of warm postalgia than mass hysteria. It would be unfair to declare Blondie's reunion tour a disaster on the evidence of this shaky opening night, but it certainly trashed a few food memories.

STEPHEN DALTON

Reviewing the New American Music show at the Albert Hall in 1995, I described one of its stars, Trisha Yearwood, as perthe most glamorous and commercially sucready standing tall in country music's winners' circle, she was a specialist taste here. So it was a joy on Yearwood's latest return to see that the secret

> Spirits were first warmed on Sunday evening by Alison Moorer, whose rich and sensual tones were heard on A Soft Place To Fall in the Robert Redford movie The Horse Whisperer. That and others from her Alabama Song album made an inviting entrée.

Yearwood, firing up the band for an opening Perfect Love, was soon reminiscing with customary humility about her first British performance at the Shaw Theatre in 1993, when she carried the day despite laryngitis and nerves. Five years and several million record sales later, she slaps

Girl from the wild country

Irisha Yearwood Labatt S Apollo, WG

her thigh with a confidence befitting the Country Music Association's Female Vocalist of the Year for this year and last.

Breaking the chains of the 35-minute warm-up she has performed on Garth Brooks's record-breaking world tour -a role she resumes in Belfast tonight - Yearwood took her Songbook compilation as the basis of this set, freely daubing it with extra colour from the current Where Your Road Leads. We were soon reminded of an interpretative sensitivi-ty that recalls a time when premium voices-looked long and hard for material worthy of their imprimatur. Hugh Prestwood's The

Song Remembers When and Alice Randall and Matraca Berg's XXX's and OOO's were among those thus endorsed. and Yearwood's artistry was further emphasised by her spontaneous eulogising about that treasured songbook. Another Berg co-composition, The Wrong Side of Memphis, was given rockier licks via a new arrangement by Yearwood's husband. Robert Reynolds of the Mavericks.

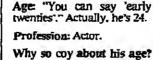
Diane Warren's ubiquitous How Do I Live, with which Yearwood had the country hit while LeAnn Rimes was making the popular mint, had the seal of maturity to it, but the best was saved almost for last with the sublime Gretchen Peters composition On a Bus to St Cloud. .

PAUL SEXTON

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

KIERAN O'BRIEN



"It's not vanity, it's just that my age is not relevant to the work I'm doing." Virgin territory I: Already

something of a TV veteran. his second stage role, and Na-donal Theatre debut, comes as Laurence, the 17-year-old "desperate to lose his virginity" in Jonathan Harvey's new play, Guiding Star, which opens at the Cottesloe tonight after a successful run at the Liverpool Everyman.

Research and responsibility: Laurence's father, Terry. remains traumatised by his and his sons' experiences at the Hillsborough disaster, and although Guiding Star is "definitely not just about Hillsborough". O'Brien read the Taylor report and other relevant material. "Everybody in Liverpool has a connection to that tragedy, so it would have been terrible for me to have come to the city and done a play dealing with Hillsborough without really knowing the subject."

Virgin territory II: He will just loved being on set."



be in cinemas next February as Alex, "a loud show-off" who is determined to relieve a naive beroine of her virginity in Virtual Sexuality, a campus comedy drama.

Child star: Growing up in Manchester, his life changed at the age of nine. "f met an agent who said 'Come and have your picture taken' and twn weeks later I was on a film set as an extra. It was that simple... I had no ambition to become an actor but immediately realised that I

Famous fathers: On screen he has called Bernard Hill, Robbie Coltrane and Keith Allen 'Dad'. First came Hill, in the excellent thriller, Bellman and True, then Coltrane in Cracker, and finally Allen in last year's Born To Run. How am I supposed to turn out OK with those three as my dads?" Street life: He wants to set the record straight about his

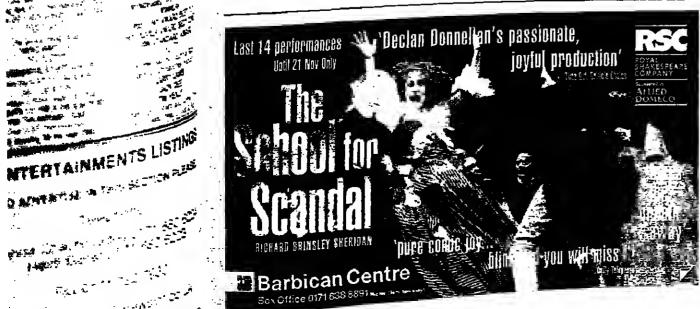
appearance as Craig Lee, Tracy Barlow's boyfriend, in 13 episodes of Coronation Street. Tracy went out with me - not the other way around." Soaps hold no interest for him, either as an actor or a viewer. "I'd rather be known for something that has a bit more weight." Formal tuition — who

needs it? "I don't think drama school would really have been for me. I've spent su long working with really good professionals - what better training could you have than that?"

Work ethic "If the material's good. I'd happily be on set 365 days a year.

DANIEL ROSENTHAL





Exchange reborn in blaze of glory

Two years after the bomb, Manchester's magnificent theatre has been restored and transformed. Marcus Binney reports

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o November 30 Manchester will have the most fabulous modern theatre in Britain, Rayishing colour and light will enliven not just the auditorium but every part of the soaring 125ft-high classi-cal hall in which the Royal Ex-

change Theatre stands. By day, light will flood in abun-dance through three huge domes in the roof, bathing darker areas in an ethereal glow even on a dull day. By night, special plasma lights will inaugurate a whole new era in the illumination of both modern and historic buildings.

Of course, the theatre was a sensation when it opened in 1976, a £1.2 million moon-landing craft

standing futuristically in Manchester's magnificent Edwardian Cotton Exchange. Then, and for the next 20 years. what struck was the contrast between the gleaming white steel of the theatre module (as it was called) and the tobacco dark colonnades and arches above.

Manchester's Cotton Exchange, which closed in 1968, was grander by far than London's Stock Exchange. A vastly enlarged exchange was completed in 1874, and then dou-

bled in size between 1914 and 1922 (though the earlier half was destroyed by bombs in 1940). Its colonnades and arches are on the scale of ancient Roman baths, its perspec-tives redolent of opulent 18th-century stage designs. Now, after a £14 million refit, old

and new don't contrast but work in harmony. The hall is subtle, even mysterious, in its colours; the module (and the dome above) brilliant in palest cream, blue and saffron.

The impetus came from the IRA bomb which devastated Manchester on June 15, 1996. Amazingly. though the three Edwardian domes rose from their footings and every pane of glass cascaded to the ground, the glass-enclosed theatre was undamaged. As Axel Bur-rough, of the architects Levitt Bernstein, explains: "For acoustic rea-sons, the module sits on industrial shock absorbers which took the force of the blast."

The idea of a theatre in the round had come from the stage designer Richard Negri, Braham Murray, the theatre director who was also part of the original team, explains: "Richard rejected the standard proscenium arch as a Roman aberration. For him the great ages of theatre were in Ancient Greek and Elizabethan times, when the actors were right out in front and little or no scenery was used."

They carried out an experimental season in a tented structure within the Exchange before commissioning Levitt Bernstein to build a per-manent theatre in the round. The floor was not strong enough to take the weight of 700 people and 100 tons of steel," Burrough explains. "So we supported the auditorium from two big bridge trusses set into the massive pillars holding up the

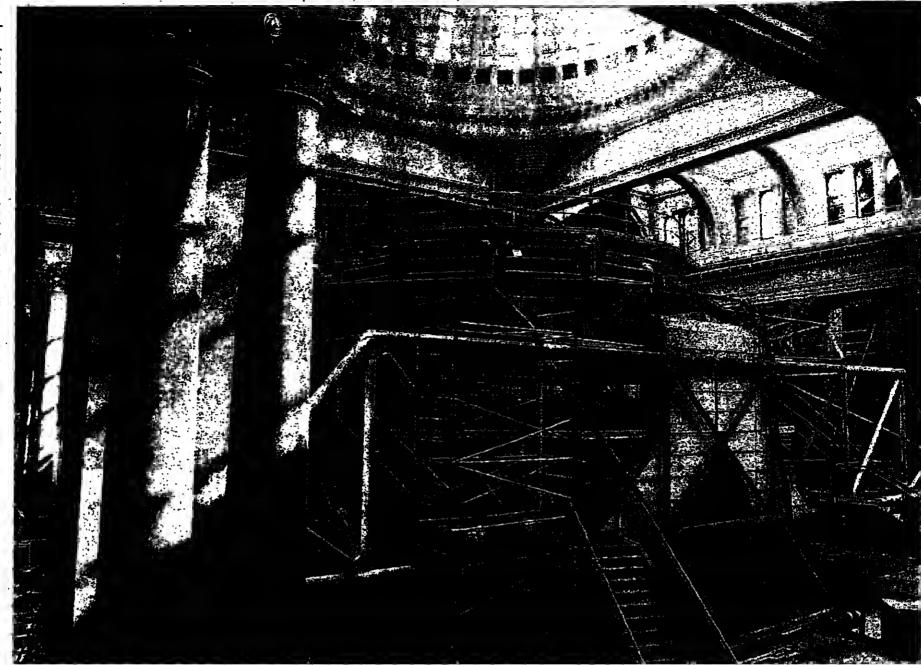
> dome." The module is a cradle of tubular steelwork, using technology borrowed from contemporary oilrigs. It looks symmetrical but in fact it is seven-sided within. creating fiendish geo-metric complexities which wore out the two Sinclair calculators that Burrough used.

Why the steel and the complexity? The answer is that Negri and his col-leagues had rejected the

idea of an opaque black box standing in the Exchange. They wanted the auditorium to feel part of the huge space around, with glass walls and a roof that opened to mix two different acoustics," says Malcolm Brown, another member of the architectural

Prompted by the lottery, plans had been drawn up to refit the thea-tre even before the bomb, and heroically the company reopened in Upper Canfield Market within weeks of the explosion. "This gave us the clue," Murray says. "People started saying: We like this, do we need to go back to the Exchange?" Suddenly we realised it had not been welcoming enough. The restored theatre had to be a wow the moment you saw it from the street."

Every time the architects came with plans the reaction was "yes we like it, but go further". The result is as inspiring a marriage of old and new as can be imagined. Bomb damage to the plaster ceilings has been meticulously repaired. Highly polished columns gleam as in a Baroque church. But beyond this



Brilliant stained-glass windows and state-of-the-art plasma lighting create the remarkable wash of colour inside the newly restored Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester

there has been no slavish attempt to recreate historic paint schemes.

Rather, ravishing colour has been achieved by brilliant collaboration between the architects and the stained-glass artist Amber Hiscott, working in two different tonal ranges that sensationally complement each other. Negri's original concept was of a blue heaven over a warm earth below (partly to dis-guise the scruffy state of the great hall). But the coloured glass in the domes had quickly faded. Now it has been reglated in an intense blue which at midday magically transforms colours below, turning saffron yellow to salmon pink.

The walls are picked out in a series of soft, almost sorbet colours. The stained glass, by contrast, is intensely fresh and bright. The 30 rooflights and 21 clerestory windows are backlit so they glow by night as well as day. "I wanted to create a celebratory atmosphere, with the feel of a theatre." Hiscott explains. "So I filled my studio with freesias as I did the watercolour designs." These provided the palette of vivid yellows, pinks and reds. The result are crisper and brighter than the smartest modern scarf you

could buy in Florence. But the biggest sensation will be the plasma lights installed just before opening (each costing £1,500 and lasting 50,000 hours). Colin Hamilton, of the consultants. Max. Fordham, explains: "They consist of a one-inch sphere of glass with sulphur inside. You use a magnature of the sulphur inside. You use a magnature of the sulphur inside. You use a magnature of the sulphur inside. tron to bombard them like a microwave and they generate light as intense as the sun." It could blind

you, so reflectors are used, beaming each light down as a small pool of light — like a spotlight.

The scheme also involves clearing the hall floor of makeshift stalls. New accommodation has been created in box structures within colonnades. Thanks to soft lighting, these Portakabin lookalikes melt into the grand architecture. The biggest practical change, however, will be the petals in the

roof that open to allow scenery to be flown for the first time. With the aid of blackouts and sudden spots,

objects and even people can appear miraculously on stage, or make dramatic entrances from above. In next February's Peer Gynt the petals will open up to reveal a shooting star crossing the hall. So far, Negri's theatre in the round has not produced the progeny that might be expected. But now this Manchester marvel should draw visitors from the four corners of the globe. Child 1

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● The Royal Exchange Theatre (0161-333 9833) reopens on Nov 30 with Stanley Houghton's celebration of Man-chester life, Hindle Wakes

VISUAL ART: Bridget Riley has put her career on show, writes Isabel Carlisle

Four decades of a life lived in the abstract

he exhibition of Bridget Riley's work at the Ab-bot Hall Art Gallery in Kendal charts all four decades of the career of one of the most outstanding artists of postwar. Britain. Selected by Riley herself, the works, more than 40 of them, are also largely drawn from her own collection. With a surprising symmetry, the exhibition takes us from the first black and white abstract works of the early 1960s, through a growing confidence and then virtuosity with colour, to working drawings and sketches for the latest work seen in a public gallery exhibition: the black and white Composition with Circles which took up a whole wall in the Berne Kunsthalle last spring.
A conversation with Riley is,

like her art, exhilarating and precise. Her heroes of abstraction are Mondrian, Pollock and Klee, but a visit to her West London studio and home, where all the floors and walls are painted a thick, rich white, most closely evokes the almost monastic dedication of Mondrian to his art. Each floor of the tall Notting

Hill house has a working area, either for painting or writing. Space is necessary be-cause Riley uses assistants to carry out her ideas and paint both the fullscale studies and the final canvases, first in acrylic and then, over the top, in oils. She has used assistants in her studio from the very beginning of her career, as Renaissance artists did.

Unlike the Renaissance artists her own hand is nowhere visible in the finished work. but she is quick to deny that her art. "Holding myself at a certain distance enables me to seems to me that it is in making the decisions - rejecting and accepting, altering and revising - that an artist's real personality comes through." Riley was in her late twen-ties when, in 1960, she produced the first black and white work in a style many people believe to be quintessential Riley. "Kiss was preceded by a completely black painting which had failed," she recalls. "I tried

to find out why I was so dissat-

isfied with it, and thinking

back to what I had discovered in copying Scurat I realised there was no opposition within this black painting.
So in the next painting I added white and put a straight line against a curve. Where they almost touch there is a tiny visual flash which suggested the title. From that time on I

pitched my work on contrast."

ritics dubbed the earlywork Op Art and Riley quickly became an un-willing star. In 1965 she had si-multaneous shows in New York at the Museum of Modern Art and a commercial gallery (sold out before the open-ing night). What was it like to be a young artist in the 1960s? "We didn't realise what an exceptional period that was because it seemed quite rational, and even normal, for art in all its forms to be seen to be playing a central role in society. We thought the burst of creawe thought the burst of crea-tive energy was a beginning, but it turned out to be the end of a flowering of art which had begun in the late 1940s."

Are there any parallels between the ferment of creativity then and now? "A huge change has taken place. All the edges between the arts have become blurred and indistinct. In the short term this may seem advantageous, but I can't help feeling that in the long run it will present great



"Abstract art is at a very early stage," Bridget Riley says

difficulties. One of the most difficult things facing young artists today is the pressure of commercialism. It must be very hard to resist because commercial values now carry a sort of cultural sanction."

At a point in time where the art scene is so fragmented that there appears to be no clear through line, Riley can be seen as a champion of abstraction, that most emphatic expression of Modernism. "The emergence of abstract art has placed it in a unique position." she says. "It is clearly at a very early stage in its development, and as such it is very much to do with discovery, with discov-ering its parameters, its forms and its language."

Riley's own abstraction builds on the sensations enworld, which makes the Lake District an appropriate setting for this new exhibition. But it would be wrong to make connections between specific places and particular paintings. When I am working," says Riley, "I respond to the visual properties which emerge. Through these I build up a

complex of sensations in which you will perhaps rediscover certain experiences which you have encountered before in nature. People frequently experience visual events in nature which are far more violent than anything I have ever done on canvas. A glittering expanse of sea or a himmering tree is far more disturbing. People would be very shocked indeed if the world itself was as dead in its

appearance as they seem to ex-pect a painting to be." Bridget Riley: Works 1961-1998 is at Abbot Hall, Kendal, Cam-bria (01539 722464) until Jan 31

Beautifully heard and not seen

nia string sound achieved such a weight and sinew, one could almost reach out and touch it. The Scherzo had a

dark energy and control at high velocity. There was digni-ty, but perhaps a mercurial spirit was absent.

For a lighter touch, who bet-

ter than the young llya Itin?

Itin woo the audience and the

was typical. He has the ease and equip-

the slow movement was cen-

tred, transparent and freely

lyric. He brought a marvel-lous murmuring quality to the first cadenza, but his habit of

holding the pedal between

chords produced mistiness lat-

er, and there was a superficial edge to his forte playing. He chose a careful tempo for the Finale, and while he was play-

ful, his rhythms lacked spark.

The concert was prefaced by one of the Philharmonia's

excellent Music of Today concerts. Martin Rundell conducted Magnus Lindberg's intrigu-

HELEN WALLACE

ing Coyote Blues,

reasons for the London Symphony Orchestra to change the programme of the second concert in its Stravinsky Stage Music series - the announced Oedipus Rex was replaced by Pulcinella - but it might have been a little less secretive about it. Those who had already purchased tickets were told, but there was a certain amount of unrest among on-the-night punters, who had the news broken to them at the box office.

But I imagine there were few complaints afterwards. Maybe contrary to expectation, Michael Tilson Thomas underlined Stravinsky's affection for Pergolesi's - or whoever's - original tunes rather than the wit and ebullience with which he adapted them. Not that we were shortchanged on rumbustiousness - how could we be with the LSO's virtuoso brass soloists? - but this was a lyrical, warm-

hearted, hugely affectionate reading. And, given complete, it was a showcase for some beautiful singing, from the vel-

Solidly

fuelled

or all its popularity, Si-belius's Second Sym-

every turn. No sooner are we hilled by warm, caressing strings at the start then angu-

lar winds playing wide-spaced intervals joit the listen-

er. From then on each begin-ning proves tragmentary, each question answered by a

contradiction. And yet the mo-

tils are all part of the same sto-ry, but handed across such wide spaces that there is a dan-

ger the music will burn itself

Such a mottled work can be

doscope, or a surging torrent of music where wide arcs sub-

sume detail. For this perform-

ance. Neeme Jarvi did nei-

ther. The overwhelming sense

was of warmth and solidity. He didn't lean on the cadences of the first move-

ment, but ploughed a steady

course. In the dark rhapsodies

of the Andante, the Philharmo-

nted as an intimate kalei-

out in mid-air.

phony confounds at



vety-toned Ruby Philogene, from a David Wilson-Johnson matching the brass in Russo-Italian pungency, and from the young US tenor Kenneth Tarver, an LSO discovery plainly set on an important ca-reer. His warm, gentle, easy sound and fine musicianship should be heard to great advantage when (if?), as promised, he sings Mozart and Rossini at Covent Garden in 2001.

Petrushka was the main course, Pulcinella having been a not inapt hors d'oeuwre. Quite apart from the shared commedia dell'arte provenance, given Stravinsky's relationship with the past and with other people's music, precisely what is the balance between mockery and affection in his use of Lanner's exquisite little Landler? There is certainly no mockery in his handling of the tranche of Russian folk tunes woven into the score.

This is dance music that has long transcended its original setting, Fokine's cho-reography and even Nijinsky's performance - Tchaikovsky and Petipa remain much more evenly matched. There are countless advantages in hearing it better played - every department of the LSO on scintillating form - than you will in any opera house: when you see the players you listen in a different way, to the cellos in their first vertiginous entry, to the whole string section sawing away in perfect unison up on the bridge, or such effects as low harp in duet with pianissimo tambourine, the sort of detail you miss in a stage performance. The long, long si-lence at the end proved that this superb performance had a valid dramatic power

RODNEY MILNES

item in the City of Birming-ham Symphony Orchestra's concerts in Birmingham and Liverpool last week, was as a witness for the defence of Oramo's compatriot and conductor-composer colleague Esa-Pekka Salonen. If anyone in Symphony Hall or the Philharmonic Hall thought that Salonen's LA Variations at the beginning of the programme was an overindulgent Hollywood spectacular, they hadn't heard anything yet. At least it is true to itself and, as the CBSO so convincingly demonstrated, it is a brilliant exercise

in orchestration. Mixed feelings were left too by Richard Stoltzman's contribudon to the concert as soloist in the works on either side of the interval. Listening to him in Mozan's Clarinet Concerto. in a performance that was effortlessly fluent but not always clearly articulated and stylish only in the superficial area of linear decoration, one couldn't help wondering what he was doing there. In Debussy's First Rhapsody one had the answer. Here Stoltzman's ability to breathe his way into a note. his subtlety and flexibility in phrasing and colouring were precisely those qualifies required by what must be the most poetically inspired com-

petition piece ever written. GERALD LARNER

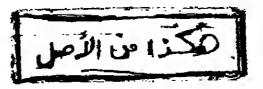
Vulgar pictures

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judges' hearts at the Leeds Pi-ano Competition in 1996, since when he has had an ache next time Sakari Oramo conducts Sto-kowski's version of tive career in this country, perhaps too active if this perform-Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition he should do the ance of the Grieg Concerto unfortunate composer the fa-vour of having the item attrib-uted to Leopold Stokowski afment of a virtuoso, but stopped short of producing a consistently poetic performance. After an untidy Allegro.

ter Mussorgsky". Stokowski not only omits several movements from Mussorgsky's piano score but also makes cuts within the movements and, worse still, ex-pands them. He betrays the quite specific pictorial inten-tions of the original by piling on sounds, colours and orches-tral tricks that have related tral tricks that have relevance to nothing but his own vulgarity. One of his few good ideas, the tremolando strings applied to the main theme in an perie passage associated with the Catacombs, is ruined by his failure to resist applying similar effects to the same ma-

terial on two earlier occasions.
The one useful purpose
Stokowski served, as the final



Prisoner's telephone call was recorded

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Before Lord Justice Buxton. Mr Justice Blofeld and Judge

Judgment November 6 The prohibition in section 9111 of the Interception of Communications Act 1985 against quesdoning officers of the Crown as to whether they had reasonable grounds for believing that the party to whom, or the person by whom, a telecomnunication was sent consented to its being intercepted was absolute and not linked to the na-

That principle, therefore, applied even where no issue of protecting official operations from exposure in faci arose and it was the prosecutor's case that the fact and method of interception had been made clear to the accused through-

It was not therefore open to the defence to question whether or not the interceptors had reasonable cause to believe that the accused was conseniing to the interception: the intercepts were admissible with-

oul such further inquiry.

The Court of Appeal. Criminal Division, so held in a reserved judgment dismissing appeals against conviction by Darren Lee Owen and Kevin Kimberley Stephen in November 1997 at Lewes Crown Court (Judge Richard Hayward and a jury) of robbery, possessing a firearm on arrest for a Schedule I offence and possessing a prohibited weap-

Owen was senienced to a total of seven years imprison-ment. Stephen was additionally sentenced to a consecutive term of two years for an of-fence of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice and a further 12 months for attempting to escape lawful custody, mak-ing a total in his case of ten

Section 1 of the 1985 Act pro-

"(l) ... a person who intentionally intercepts a communimission by post or by means of a public telecommunication system shall be guilty of an uf-

"(2) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under this section if ... lhl that person has reasonable grounds for believing that the person to whom, ur the person by whom, the communication is sent had consented to the interception."

Section 9 provides: "[1] In any proceedings before any court or tribunal no evidence shall be adduced and nn quesin cross-examination shall be asked which ... lends lo suggesi (a) ihai an offence under section I above has been or it is to be committed by any of the persons mentioned in subsection (2) below...

"(2) The persons referred to in subsection (I) above are - (a) any person holding office under the Crown "

Mr David Lyons, who did not appear below, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellants: Mr Michael Warren for the

LORD JUSTICE BUXTON. giving the judgment of the court, said that while in custody Siephen had made a tele-phone call to his wife and hud apparently made an admission that he had indeed committed the mbbery for which he had been arrested.

The prison authorities had placed notices on the tele-phones and had issued other material to prisoners telling them that their conversations were liable to be listened to and recorded.

At the trial, counsel for Siephen put the prosecution to proof that the officers who had intercepted his call had reasonable cause to believe that Stephen had consented to the intercept, in view of the admis-sion in evidence by the prisun officer called to dea(with the matter that prisoners frequently destroyed the notices, thus raising the possibility that Stephen had used a telephone that did not have a notice. Those Issues were addressed

on a voire dire. On appeal. Mr Lyons ar-

gued that the voire dire should cepting communications to renever have taken place, with the corollary that the evidence main confidential. That was the task of section 0. That was should have been excluded in also underlined as the objecany event. That was because live of section 9 by Lord Justice Steyn in R v Effik 1(1992) 95 Cr in the course of investigating whether the call had indeed App R 427).

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been consensual, in the terms 2 That section 9 protected, and of section I of the 1985 Act, it only protected, official intercepwas necessary to allege that tions was reinforced by the limitation of the section 9(2) prohithe prison Officers, persons holding office under the bitton of investigation to inves-Crown in the terms of section tigation of people who were or might be involved in such offi-9(2)(a), had made or might have made nnn-consensual incial interceptions. tercepts and thus had commit-

If one private citizen interted an offence under section I. cepted another, and then tried He said that the voire dire to use the material in liugawas included in the expression tion, there was nothing in the "any proceedings" in section 1985 Act to stop his being cross-examined about the lewhich their Lordships were gality of his accouns, since he minded to agree. had an legitimate claim to con-

Indeed the argument went fidentiality. further than that. Mr Warren 3 The fact that the 1985 Act presaid that the very act of giving evidence about an intercept on venied some or all telephone intercepts being used in evi-dence was likely principally to the part of an officer of the Crown entailed his giving evihandicap the prosecution, and dence that tended to suggest was the price that governmen-tal authorities had to pay for that he had committed an ofthe immunity conferred by sec-don 9: see Lord Jauncey of Tul-

That was plainly not right, statement, without more, lichettle in R v Preston ([1994] 2 that an intercept had taken place did not of itself entail or AC 130, 144]. 4 Whether nr not an offence suggest that the intercept fell into the categories forbidden the intercept was irrelevant to the admissibility of the evi-dence provided by the interby section 1.

However, the point about how to deal with contests about the circumstances in more substance.

Mr Lyons's argument that as a maner of general fairness evidence of the intercept simply had to be excluded where he circumstances were challenged, because the challenge could not be investigated, obviously had serious implica-

Faced with such difficulties, their Lordships thought that dons were relevant: I As Lord Mustill said in R v

Preston ([1994] 2 AC 130] the overall objective of the 1985 Act was to place the practice of official interception of telephone communications on a sound

statutory basis.
Part of that objective was to

Act itself between what might be called embarrassing and non-emharrassing investiga-

The prohibition was absolute. There might well be good reason for that, not least that in cases less clear than the present any distinction based on the effect of the question-ing, if allowed, might force the court to enter undestrable territory in order to determine that preliminary issue.

Their Lordships therefore were driven back to the conclusion that section 9(2)(a) prevented any investigation in any proceedings of whether, in a non-warrant case, an interception by an officer of the Crown was covered by section

That view was in accordance with the ruling in R v Effik senting out the forbidden area of inquiry, including whether or not the interceptor had the benefit of what was there described as the defence afforded by section 1(2)(b).

The court was bound to follow that ruling in view of the further ruling in R v Rasool [[1997] I WLR 1092], equally binding, that R v Effik was overruled by R v Preston (1994) 2 AC 1301 only to the extent that it related to warrant ed intercepts.

The effect in the present case

was that it was not open to the defence to question whether or not the interceptors had rea-sonable cause to believe that Stephen was consenting to the

Therefore the judge, with whom their Lordships sympa-thised in having to deal with that intractable subject without even the benefit of a full re-port in Rasool, was in the circumstances of the case, and of the arguments that were sought to be put against the ad-missibility of the intercept, wrong to order a voire dire to investigate the existence or oth-erwise of a section 1(2)(b) rea-sonable belief on the part of the prison officers. The intercepts were admissible without further inquiry.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, East Sussex.

His Lordship urged the Sec-

retary of State for the Depart-ment of Health to consult the

President of the Family Divi-

sion before reaching a final

view on the terms of any amending regulations. In the

meantime the present regula-

tions were intra vires.

for some time.

Enforcing judgment of foreign court

Murthy and Another v Sivaiothi and Others

Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Morrin and Lord Justice Chadwick

[Judgment October 30] A party's submission to the jurisdiction of a foreign court was a submission tu that court's jurisdiction in respect of a claim against that party made by his co-defendants in thar jurisdiction, and where the claim was connected with

nal action. Accordingly, judgment in the foreign court against the party could be enforced in England if the foreign court was shown to be a court of competent jurisdiction under Eng-lish conflict of laws rules.

the subject matter of the origi-

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing the appeal of the first defendant. Gnanatheevam Sivajothi, from Mr Mark Strachan, QC, sitting as a dep-uty judge of the High Court. on February 23, 1998, when he on February 23, 1998, when he ordered, inter alia, summary judgment for the plainoffs. Hallegere Murthy and his wife. Myetraie Murthy, In the sum of US\$928,173,90 plus interest, which they had obtained in judgments in February and July 1997 in the circuit court of the 11th Judicial Circuit in Dade County, Florida.

Mr Nicholas Stewart, QC and Mr John Clargo for the first defendant: Mr Siephen Auld for the plaintiffs: the other defendants were not present or represented.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that the first plainuff, a successful doctor who had qualified in India, London and the USA, lived with his wife and two children in Florida. They met the first defendant, who became a frequent visitor to their home, through their in-volvement with a local Hindu temple in South Florida. Unbeknown to them he had been deelared bankrupt in the United Kingdom in 1991. Between 1995 and 1996 the

plaintiffs paid sums in excess of \$500,000 to the defendant and his company, induced by representations that he would establish trust funds for the benefit, in particular, of the two children's education. Some \$26,000 was paid for university fees but no more.

The plaintiffs alleged they were duped, that the money was used for the defendant's own purposes and they claimed compensation and damages for fraud. The plain-tiffs obtained summary judg-ment of the sum they were awarded by the court in Flori-

gal owner of two properties.

one residential and one commercial, on behalf of herself and the first plainoff, agreed to provide the properties as col-lateral to the defendant on his request that he needed to raise \$400,000 urgently to finance

business commitments.
The plaintiffs signed various documents believing they were some form of loan documents, but in fact the properlies were conveyed to one of the defendant's companies. and subsequently mortgaged to one. Gorden.

No payments were made to Gorden who foreclosed on the properties claiming against the defendant and his company in the Florida court, the plaintiffs being cited as co-delendanıs.

A "stipulation for settlement" was agreed between Gorden and the defendant. The plaintiffs issued proceedings to set that aside, and obtained default judgments against the defendant in the Florida court, bringing the present action in England to

enforce those judgments.
The sole issue for the present court was, as stated in Dicey and Morris: The Conflict of Laws (12th edition, 1993, vol 1. p472. rule 36); "... a court ol a foreign country outside the United Kingdom has jurisdiction to give a judgment in personam capable of enforce-ment or recognition" in certain cases, the third case being "if the judgment debtor, being a defendant in the foreign court, submined to the jurisdiction of that court by voluntarily ap-

pearing in the proceedings". Mr Stewart, while accepting that the settlement was a subthe Florida court's jurisdiction In respect of Gorden's claim, contended that there was no submission in respect of the plaintiffs cross-claims in Flori-

He relied on a passage in Dicey and Morris (at p482) and various passages in Amer-ican authorities cited there: the American Law Institute's Restatement of the Law, Second, Conflict of Laws 2d ((1971), revised May 1988, vol 1, sections 26, 33|: Ex parte Indiana Transportation Co ||1917| 244 US 456); and In re the Estate of Einstoss, deceased ((1970) 257 NE (2d) 637).

His Lordship said that there was nothing in those authoritles to contradict a common law rule to the effect that, a person's submission to the jurisdiction of a foreign court in re-spect of a claim against him could also be taken as a submission, first, in respect of claims concerning the same subject matter, and second, re-lated claims which might properly be brought against him

under the foreign court's rules of procedure, either by the orig-inal plaintiff or by others who were parties to the proceedings at the time he submitted to the jurisitication.

The American authorities supported the existence of such a rule. In England, the underlying principle was that a foreign judgment gave rise to an obligation on the defendant to pay the amount due, such obligation being enforced by the English court: Adams v Cape Industries plc ([1990] Ch

The rule was not based on reciprocity in any strict sense Nor did the fact that English courts might assert an extraterritorial jurisdiction mean that they recognised judgments given by a foreign court on a similar extra-territorial

But when a defendant submined to a foreign court's juristo say ihai thai court had no ju risdiction to decide issues raised by the proceedings be-fore in which the submission

was made. Accepting that the permined scope of those issues should not be unfair to the defendant, it was easy to see why different and unrelated claims should not be taken to be within the scope of the submission, but equally it was impossible to say that claims which were directly concerned with the same subject maner should

not.
Nor should such claims be excluded because they might properly be made by a party to the proceedings other than the original plainuff, for example a contribution or indemnity claim by a co-defendan).

Whether a particular claim should be regarded as related in the sense of Order 15, rule 8(I)(c) of the Rules of the Su-preme Court had always to be a question of fact and degree. It might not be enough that its joinder was permitted by the rules of procedure of the foreign court.

But his Lordship did not see that it could possibly be unfair to the defendant to hold that the claims which resulted in the judgments in favour of the plainoffs in Florida were related to the claims made against him by Gorden.

Applying even the most rig-orous defining of "related claims", the plaintiffs' claims fell within it. They were par-oes to proceedings in which the defendant had submitted to the jurisdiction of the Florida court.

Lord Justice Morritt and Justice Chadwick agreed.

Child protection regulations are valid case, had been in a placement

Regina v Secretary for State for Health and Another, Ex parte C (Minors) Before Mr Jusoce Scon Baker

[Judgment October 27] Regulations which did not allow any exercise of discretion by local authorities in placing children with foster parents who had been convicted or cauooned in respect of specified of-fences were valid, intra vires

Mr Justice Scott-Baker so held in the Queen's Bench Division, in dismissing an application for judicial review that regulations 2 and 3 of the Chil-dren (Protection from Offenders) (Miscellaneous Amendmentsl Regulations (SI 1997 No 2308), introduced by the Secretary of State for Health. on October 17, 1997, and amending the Children and Young Persons (Adoption Agencies) Regulations (SI 1983 No 1964) and the Children and Young Persons (Foster Placement) Regulations (SI 1991 No

9101, were ultra vires. Two children, now aged six and seven, were previously living with grandparents, who had been approved as foster parents. Care orders had been made in respect of the children by the local council, the intervener in the proceedings. In July 1996, prior to the

coming into force of the 1997 Regulations, Kent County Council became aware of the fact that the paternal grandfather had been convicted. 36 years ago, of unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl aged 15. yet the council and the guardian ad litem nevertheless fully supported the making of care orders being convinced that that was in the best interests of

the children. After the coming into force of the 1997 Regulations the council were no longer able to allow the children to remain in the grandparents' home under the aegis of care orders.

On December 8, 1997 the grandparents applied to Canterbury County Court for a res-idence order. That application was adjourned pending the outcome of the judicial review

Mr Richard Gordon, QC. and Mr Stephen Cobb for the children: Mr Nigel Pleming, QC and Mr Steven Kovats for the Secretary of State for Health; Mr Dermot Main Thompson for the intervener. Kent County Council.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT BAK-ER said that Mr Gordon submitted that the 1997 Regulations did not permit any discre-tion to be exercised by local authorities in placing children with foster parents. The identical argument was applicable Agencies Regulations. There-fore, he submitted it would not be possible in some cases for the best interests of the child to prevail.

He submined that the decision maker, be it adoption agency or local authority must in every case be left with a discrecion and that the Secretary of State for Health had no pow-er by regulations to take it away. Such a step could only be taken by primary legisla-

tion by Parliament Mr Pleming submitted that in so far as there was a general parliamentary purpose to be extracted form the primary legislation, namely the protection and welfare of children, it was plain that the 1997 Regulations were enacted with the sole intention of furthering that wider purpose: see paragraph 5 of Local Authority Circular (97) 17 Guidance to the Offenders Regulations, issued by the De-

partment of Health and In re R.J (Minors) (CA October 2, (1998 unreported). His Lordship said that there

could be no doubt that the offenders regulations were directed lowards the welfare of children generally.

Mr Gordon's argument failed to recognise that the duty to act accordingly to the welfare principle was pressed in the statutes as sub-ject to the regulations. Put another way the duty must be ex-ercised according to the regula-

A public body did not have free standing function. It could only act according to the terms of the statute or to delegated legislation giving it power to do so: see R v Somerset County Council, Ex parte Fewings [[1995] I WLR 1037). On that basis it was not nec-

essary to go through the Chil-dren Act 1989 and the Adoption Act 1976, the welfare principle, and the welfare checklist. The 1997 Regulations were not in conflict any of them. In his Lordship's judgment there was nothing objectiona-

ble in secondary legislation specifying matters which disqualified a person from holding a particular post or posi-tion, or as in this case from taking responsibility for the day to day care of children. The local authorides' pow-

ers and duties in relation to children remained in place and must be exercised to pro-mole and safeguard the best interests and welfare of the children but subject to the limita-rions imposed by the Offenders Regulations. It had, in his Lordship's

judgment, always been the intennion of Parliament that a local authority's discretion should be exercised in the constraints imposed by the regulations made by the secretary of

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was tempting to say that since this case did not fall within the

objective of the 1985 Act, be-cause no embarrassment at

least in terms of confidentiali-

ty would be caused to the au-

thorities by investigation of the lawfulness of their actions.

then section 9 simply did not

However, even though that might be the overall objective of the section 9 provisions, no

In those circumstances, it

Lordship concluded His that the Offenders Reguladons were within the ambit of the enabling statutory words. There was no collision between the regulations and the wider purpose of the 1989 Act and the 1976 Act.

The common thread that ran through the law relating to children was that those who were charged with making a decision of a child's future should treat that child's welfare as paramount.
But decision makers could

only operate within the confines of the relevant legislation. Because Parliament had decided that certain offenders presented a risk to children if they were foster or adoptive parents it was entitled to rule them out as a group from fostering or adopting children, and to do so in the form of sec-

ondary legislation.
The legislators were entitled to conclude that as a matter of policy that the good of the many should prevail over the detriment of the few.

His Lordship could well see that those with convictions for specified offences should ordi-narily be disqualified from fostering or adopting. But where the offence occurred long ago or the circumstances were unusual, there might be good reason for supposing that the olfender no longer presented, if he ever did, a significant risk

If the local authorides and adoption agencies were given a lightly drawn discretion by a phrase such as "save in excep donal circumstances" it would give the opportunity to avoid doing serious disservice to a number of children particular-

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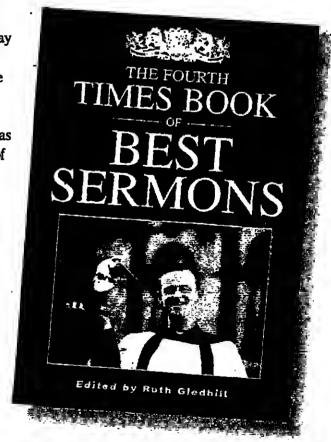
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Defendant to show honest meaning

Loveless v Earl and Another Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice May and Sir Christopher Slade [Judgment November 4]

In a defamation case where qualified privilege would otherwise apply and in which the defendant had published words which were held objectively to have a defamatory meaning which the defendant had not honestly held, the plaintiff's plea that malice defeated the privilege would be likely to fail if the defendant could show that he intended another meaning which he

honestly held. The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Law-rence Earl and Capital and Counties (Financial Services) Ltd from a decision of Mr Justice Douglas Brown on April 18. 1997 striking out defences of justification and qualified privilege under Order 82. rule 3A of the Rules of the Supreme Court, on the ground that the words complained of by the plaintiff. Anthony Loveless. could not bear the meanings

pleaded in the defence. Miss Heather Rogers for the defendants; Mr Justin Rushbrook for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said the action had arisen out of the publication of letters to 14 people who were clients or prospective clients of the financial services company which had employed the plainoff. The leners had stated: "As you are aware, although

I am obliged to inform you. Anthony Loveless has recently left the company. "In accordance with the Financial Services Act 1986 only those authurised may advise on investment maners and an-

yone purporting to offer such

services without authorisation

could be deemed to commit a criminal offence. "As a result of information received the company considered it was appropriate to re-view Mr Loveless's terms of appointment and it was on this basis that his employment with the company was termi-

The plaintiff alleged that the natural and ordinary meaning of the words was that he had been sacked fur purporting to offer investment services without authorisation, a matter which constituted a criminal offence under the Financial Services Aci 1986. li was common gruund that the plaintiff had not done so.

The defendants contended for the Lucas-Box meaning that the plaintiff had been duci: see Lucas-Box v News Group Newspapers Ltd ([1986] I WLR 147). An industrial tribunal had

sacked by reason of his con-

determined that Mr Loveless's departure from the company had neither been a resignation nor a dismissal but a consensual termination.

The tribunal had also decided that some of the matters in the existing particulars of justification were conduct by the plaintiff warranting dismiss-

The defendants wanted to amend their plea of justifica-uon to include the meaning that "the plaintiff has so conducted himself as to make the termination of his appointment with the second defendani appropriaie". They had submitted a re-

vised plea of justification referring to the adverse decision of the industrial tribunal. The judge had held that the words were only capable of bearing the plaintiff's meaning and were incapable of bear-

ing the meaning sought by the defendants. In his Lordship's judgment, the words were capable of bearing the defendant's new Lucas-Box meaning, since paragraph 2 of the letter left open the nature of the information received, thus potentially opening the door to the defendant's

Lucas-Box meaning. The defence of qualified privilege had been pleaded on the convencional basis of common and corresponding interest. It was not unlike the case of an

employer's reference for one of his employees.
The need to protect freedom

ercised was reflected in Fraser v Mirza (1993 SC 27), in which Lord Keith of Kinkel had referred to the need to consider the motive with which a per-son made a defamatory publication, which could only be inferred from what he did or said or knew. Where the words com-

plained of were held objectiveto have a defamatory meaning which the defendant had not honestly held, the plainoff's plea that malice defeated qualified privilege would be likely to fail if the defendant could show that he intended another meaning which he honestly held.
It did not, in his Lordship's

judgment, go without saying that the defendants' careless formulation in the letter defeated the plea of qualified privi-The whole issue of malice would in the end turn on the jury's conclusion as to the de-

fendant's state of mind at the

That was something which

time of publishing the libel.

could not be determined in preliminary proceedings and the appeal would accordingly be Solicitors: Schilling & Lom

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Landlord not liable in nuisance for terant's noise

Baxter v Camden London Borough Council (No 2) Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith. Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Tuckey

(Judgment November 5) A landlord, who had let flats with poor sound insulation to tenants, was not liattle in the ion of nuisance to a lenant whose reasonable use and enjoyment of her flat was interfered with by noise resulong from the ordinary use of an adjoining flat by another tenant.

Even if the ordinary use of residential premises was capable of constituting a nuisance, the principle that it was no defence that the plaintiff came to the nuisance had no application as between landlord and tenant. Such cases were decided on the principle "caveat les-see" and the fact, albeit a fiction that the lessee was deemed to take the premises as he found them.

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, dismissed an appeal by the plaintiff. Yvonne Elizabeth Baxter. against the decision of Judge Green, QC, at Central London Court on November 10, 1997, that her claim in nuisance against her landlord. Camden London Borough Council, should be dismissed.

In 1975 the council converted a Victorium end-of-terrace house in Camden into three one-bedroom flats, one on each floor. There was no statuthat time, or until 1985, to provide sound insulation, although building regulations required it in other parts of the

country. The only noise barriers between the flats were plasterboard ceilings and wooden floors which were in poor con-

tn July 1992 the council let the first-floor flat to the plainuff. Tenants already occupied the other two flats.

The plaintiff complained that she could hear the noise generated by the day-to-day living of her neighbours in the flat above. The cause of the noise was identified as poor sound-proofing between flats but the council did nothing about it.

in 1995 the plaintiff brought proceedings against the coun-cil for breach of her covenant of quiet enjoyment and/or nui-

Following initial proceed ings in the county court and Court of Appeal (Baxer's Cam-den Landon Borough Council (1998) 30 HLR 501), the plaintiff gave evidence before Judge Green, QC, that she could

"normal conversation, singing, arguments, the television. snoring, coughing, bringing up of phlegm, sneezing, bed-springs, footfalls and creaking floorboards, the pull-cord light switch in the bathroom, taps running in the bathroom and

the vacuum cleaner ... [and]

The judge found that the noise emitted from the flats arose from the ordinary use of the flats and constituted an undue interference with the plainoff's use and enjoyment of her

But he held that the council were not liable in nuisance be cause a tenant who took premises in a defective state could not complain of their conditions unless the terms of his tenancy or statute enabled him to do so.

The plaintiff appealed and the council cross-appealed. Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr Zia Nabi for the plaintiff: Mr Andrew Arden. QC and Mr Christopher Baker for the

LORD JUSTICE TUCKEY said that in Southwark Lon-don Borough Council v Mills (The Times August 20, 1998), the Court of Appeal decided by a majority that where tenants of the same landlord were adjoining occupiers of flats, and one tenant's reasonable use and enjoyment of his flat was interfered with by noise from the ordinary use of the adjoin-ing flat, their landlord was not liable for breach of his cove-

nant of quiet enjoyment. The present case raised the question whether the landlord could be liable in nuisance. Mr Goudie submitted that the judge should have applied

defence that the plaintiff came to the nulsance. He also rerved the right to contend in the House of Lords that the Southwark case had been wrongly decided.

Mr Arden submitted that if the judge's finding stood and court held that the council were liable in nuisance, that would be an extension of the common law which would have far-reaching consequencoccupiers since many older properties had poor sound in-

In written submissions tendered at the end of the hearing at the court's request, Mr Ar-den submitted for the first time that a landlord had no liability to his tenant in nuisance for the state of the premises at the time they were let; the prin-ciple of "caveat lessee". Accordingly, the council were not liato the plainoff even if what she complained of amounted

The issue was in what, if any, circumstances might a de-fendant be liable in nuisance for the ordinary use of land. The authorities showed that

ordinary use of residential premises without more was nuisance Ordinary use might only give rise to a nuisance if it was unusual or unreasonable having regard to the purpose for which the premises were constructed.

Sampson v Hodson-Pressinger ([1981] 3 All ER 710) was

not authority for the proposition that ordinary user with-out more was capable of being nuisance. There was some in which the premises were being used in Sampson and it could therefore he distin-

on its facts. The judge did not approach his findings of undue interfer-ence with those considerations in mind. What conclusion should he have reached? The answer depended on how one should regard the conversion

guished from the present case

But for the conversion there would be no liability for noise created by the ordinary use of tion. The conversion in 1975 re duced, by an unknown amount, the sound insulation between the floors. But it did not change the pur

nose for which the house was

used. There was nothing unu-

sual or unreasonable about

the conversion which was done in accordance with building standards of the time. In those circumstances nothing was done at that time so as to make ordinary use of the

converted house a nuisance:

contrast the situation in Samp-

It followed that the noise of which the plaintiff complained was not capable of giving rise to a liability in nuisance. That disposed of the appeal. consider whether the council would be liable if the noise was capable of amounting to a nuisance.

A landlord would be liable of he caused, continued or authorised a nuisance and there was little doubt that the council would be liable on the basis that by 1992, when they let the flat to the plaintiff, they had let the other two flats and knew ought to have known that due to poor sound insulation. ordinary use of the two flats would unduly interfere with the plaintiff's use and enjoy-

Did the fact that the house had poor sound insulation and the other two flats were already let give the council a defence to the plaintiff's claim in nuisance?

There was no implied covenant by a landlord that an unfurnished house or flat which he let was fit for habitation. If it was let in a dangerous or dilapidated condition then the landlord was not liable for injury to the tenant, his family or guests: see Robbins v Jones (1863) 15 CB(NS) 221) applied in Cavalier i Pope ([1906] AC

The principle had since been applied to claims in negligence for personal injury. But in such cases a builder-landlord. as opposed to a bare landlord. did have a liability if the accident was caused by his negli-gent design or construction: see Rimmer v Liverpool City Council [1985] QB 1), applied

in AlcNerny v Lambeth Lon-don Borough Council ((1989) 21 HLR 188). Did similar principles apply

to a landlord's liability in nui-In Cheater v Cater ([1917] 2 KB 516) a tenant's horse died from eating yew from the over-hanging branches of trees growing on the tandlord's ad-joining land.

The tenant's claim against the landlord in negligence and nuisance failed. The court ciled with approval dictum of Lord Justice Mellish in Ersk-ine v Adeane [1873] LR & Ch

756, 7611 where he said: "A tenant, when he takes a farm, must look and judge for himself what the state of the farm is. Just as in the case of a rchaser of a business the rule is caveat emptor, so in the case of taking the lease of property the rule is caveat icssec: be must take the property as he finds it."

The court in Cheater made it clear that the principle only applied where the adjoining occuant. Furthermore the court aggested, and subsequent cashad established, that if the landlord created the nuisance after the letting he would be lia-

Mr Goudie submitted that Cheater was an example of nuisance involving encroachment on to neighbouring land; that nuisance involving interfer-ence with enjoyment of land

was of a different kind: that the principle in Cheater ough not to apply to that kind of nuisance: and that the applicable principles were those stated in Sampson and Baxter.

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Part III

There was no logical basis for such a distinction. While the nature of the interference night be different, each arose from the state of the adjoining

Moreover, if there was no liability in cases where physical damage including personal injury was caused by defective premises, there could be no reason why the same rule hould not apply to nuisance from noise.

Neither Cavalier v Pope or Cheater v Caler were ciled to the Court of Appeal in Sampson or Baxter. If necessary, his Lordship would hold that those later cases had been decided per incuriam.

Finally, the principle in Sturges v Bridgman ((1879) 11 ChD 852), that it was not a defence that the plaintiff came to the nuisance, had no application where the parties were landlord and tenant.

Such cases were decided on the caveat lessee principle and the lessee was deemed to take the premises as they were. Lord Justice Stuart-Smith

and Lord Juscee Otton delivered concurring judgments. Solicitors: Goldbergs: Ms Amanda Kelly, Camden.

Application is not a trial

Salvidge and Another v Hus-

Before Mr Nicholas Stewart.

[Judgment October 30] An application to set aside a statutory demand was not a trial or hearing on the merits un-der Order 59, rule 10(2) of the

Rules of the Supreme Court. Accordingly, while a number of similar considerations applied, the exercise of the coun's discretion to admit fresh evidence into an appeal from the dismissal of such an application was not restricted to the special grounds identi-fied in Ladd v Marshall [[1954] 1 WLR 1489).

Mr Nicholas Stewart, QC. sitting as a deputy Chancery Division judge, so held allowing the application by the appellants, Mrs Judy Salvidge and Mr Leslie Salvidge, for leave to adduce fresh evidence. in the form of affidavits sworn by each of them on September II, 1993, on appeal from the re-fusal by District Judge Hollis on August 14, 1998 to set aside statutory demands served on the applicants by the respondent. Talib Hussein.

Mr Gabriel Buttimore for Mr and Mrs Salvidge; Mr Jonathan Miller for Mr Hus-

HIS LORDSHIP said that there was conflicting authority on whether an application to set aside a statutory demand constituted a trial or hearing of the merits.

Mr Buttimore relied upon the unreported case of Weller v Dunbar (CA, January 27, 1984), referred to in paragraph 59/10/8 of The Supreme Court Practice 1997 as authority for the proposition that an order setting aside a default judgment was not a hearing on the merits because the true hearing on the merits was in the trial of the action yet to come, on the basis that in bankruptcy proceedings the trial yet to come was at the hearing of the petidon itself rather than on the application to set aside the

He further cited obiter dicta of Mr Justice Morritt in Royal Bank of Scotland v Binnell ([1996] BPIR 6.35) and the decision of Judge Weekes, QC, in Norman Laurier v United Overseas Bank Ltd [[1996] BPIR 635) which considered that such an application was

not a trial or hearing on the merits and therefore not gov-erned by Ladd v Marshall. Mr Miller sought to rely on the decision of Mr Justice Knox in In re a Debtor (No 59 of 1987) (The Independent February 1, 1988) and on Mr Jus-tice Carnwath, obiter, in AIB

Finance Ltd v Debtors [1997] 4 All ER 677). Where there were two confilcting decisions of the High Court, the latter decision was to be preferred, provided it was reached after full consideration of the earlier decision, unless the third judge was convinced that the second was wrong in not following the first: see Colchester Estates (Cardiff) Ltd v Carlton Indus-

tries plc ([1980] Ch 80).

In Norman Laurier, the court gave full consideration statutory demand. to the contrary authorities before adopting the approach proposed by Mr Justice Morritt in Royal Bank of Scotland v Binnell.

Accordingly his Lordship was of the opinion that Norman Laurier was binding upon him and that the court's discretion was not fettered by Ladd v Marshall.

While a less restrictive approach than that in Ladd v Marshall was required, many similar considerations still applied. His Lordship was satisfied that adducing the new evi-dence would not be unfairly prejudicial to the respondent. It was clear that the new evidence, which supported an allegation of misrepresentation against Mr Hussein, would, if

accepted, affect the outcome of The adequacy of the explanation of why it was not adduced earlier, that the appellants had not realised its legal significance, was an issue as to the credibility of the appellants which might need to be addressed at the substantive

hearing of the appeal. Solicitors: Fenwick & Co: David Tang & Co.

Goodwin v Patent Office

Before Mr Justice Morison. Mr A. C. Blyghton and Mrs R. A. Vickers

[Judgment October 21] Merely because a person was able to cope at home did not mean that he was outwith the

definition of a disabled person for the purposes of the Disabil-ity Discrimination Act 1995. The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held in allowing

an appeal by Mr Matthew Goodwin from the decision of an employment tribunal sitting at Cardiff that the tribu-nal had no jurisdiction to hear his complaint that his employer, the Patent Office, had discriminated against him by rea-son of his disability, on the ground that he did not have a disability within the meaning

of the 1995 Act. Section I of the 1995 Act pro-

"(I) Subject to the provisions of Schedule I, a person has a disability for the purpose of this Act if he has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his ability to carry out normal day to day activi-

"(2) In this Act 'disabled person' means a person who has a disability." Mr Robin Allen, QC and

Mr Declan O Dempsey for the applicant; Ms Ruth Downing he emolo MR JUSTICE MORISON said that the applicant had

been employed as a patent examiner when he was dismissed following complaints from fellow employees about his behaviour. The employment tribunal found that he had not been on

proper medication at the time and consequently suffered from "thought broadcasting" where he imagined that other people could access his The tribunal found that the

applicant's concentration was adversely affected by his ill-ness, but that, although his impairment did affect to some ex-tent his ability to carry out normal day-to-day activides, in view of his ability to perform domestic tasks without assist-

ance, to set to work efficiently and to carry out his work satisfactorily, the effect was not substantial.

The issue on the appeal concerned the proper approach to the question whether a person had a disability within the meaning of the 1995 Act. It was clear that the employment tribunal had misdirected itself in a number of respects and its

decision could not stand. ft seemed most surprising that any tribunal should conclude that a person admittedly diagnosed as suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and who had been dismissed partly because of what one might call bizarre behaviour, consistent with that diagnosis, fell outside the definition in section 1

It was plain that employ-ment tribunals would welcome some guldance on the proper approach to Issues arising under section 1.

The first, and most obvious, point was that the employ-ment tribunal should look carefully at what the parties had said in the originating application and the notice of appearance. In many cases it would be good practice either to make standard directions designed to clarify issues or to arrange a directions hearing.

Parties might wish

present expert evidence, and it

would be undestrable for such evidence to be given proper advance notice to the other party and the early provision of a copy of any expert report to be referred to.

The role of the employment tribunal contained an inquisi-

torial element, and the interventionist role which it had in relation to equal value claims might be thought a good model for disability cases. Some disabled persons might be unable or unwilling

to accept that they suffered from any disability. Without the direct help of the tribunal. there might be cases, where the claim had been drafted with outside help but which the applicant was unwilling to

Second, a purposive ap-proach to construction should be adopted. Tribunals were

given two forms of explicit assistance, which should detract from the need to adopt a loose onstruction of the language: the guidance on the matters to be taken into account in determining questions relating to the definition of disability issued by the secretary of state on July 25, 1996 and the Code

Whether worker is disabled

of Practice: Disability Discrimination (1996). Reference should always be made, explicitly, to any rele-vant provision of the guidance or code taken into account in arriving at a decision.

Third, the words of section 1 required a tribunal to look at the evidence by reference to four different conditions: (i) impairment, (ii) adverse effect, (iii) substandality and (iv) long term effect.

Tribunals might find it helpful to address each, while being aware of the risk of taking their eye off the whole picture. Mental impairment included an impairment resulting from or consisting of a mental ills provided that It was a clinically well recognised Illness. but mental illness did not have the special meaning attributed to it in other legislation.

If there was doubt as 10 whether the impairment condition was fulfilled in an alleged mental illness case, il would be advisable to see whether the Illness was mentioned in the World Health Organisation of Diseases. Adverse effect might be the most difficult condition to judge. The Act was concerned with an impairment on the person's ability to carry out activities. The fact that a person could carry out such activities did not mean that his ability to carry them

out had not been impaired. Oisabled persons often ad-justed their lives and circumstances to enable them to cope for themselves. Furthermore, they were likely to play down the effect of their disability on their daily life. The focus of attention was on things that a person either could not do or could do only with difficulty. The Act was looking to see whether the capacities in paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 1 had been affected.

The effect of a disability on a person's ability to conduct his daily life might have a cumulative effect, in the sense that more than one capacity had been impaired. It was not necessary for a tri-

bunal to go further if satisfied that one capacity had been impaired, which was sufficient the adverse effect condition to be satisfied.

"Substantial" was used in the sense of more than minor or trivial: see paragraph Al of the Guidance.

The tribunal should examine how a person's abilities had actually been affected at material time, while on medication, and then address its mind to the difficult ques-tion as to the effects which It thought there would have been but for the medication:

the deduced effects. The question then was whether the actual and deduced effects on the person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities was clearly

more than trivial. Although the effect of medi-cation was linked to the substantial condition, attention should not be diverted from the definition as a whole, and in determining whether the adverse effect condition was fulfilled the tribunal would take into account the deduced ef-

The provisions relading to the "long term condition" ap-peared straightforward. In the instant case, the tribunal had not looked at the effect that the applicant's disability had un

It appeared to have moved from the finding that the applicant was able to cope at home to the conclusion that, there-fore, he fell outwith the provisions of the Act.

A close scrutiny of the employer's own documents provided good evidence that the applicant's capacity to concentrate and communicate had been adversely affected in a significant manner. The question whether he was disabled within the meaning of the Act admitted only of the conclusion that he was

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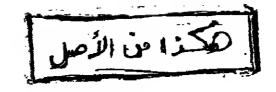
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such the different kind of the principle in Cheater that the application and that the application on and Baster standing the principle was no logical by From was no logical base that is a distinction, while the different leads about the same was waste of the adjusting DAVID NICHOLSON could hardly believe his eyes yesterday as a 20-runner losing streak came to an abrupt and unexpected end with a 27-1 double at Newbury.

The state of there was not the state of the "It's a funny old game. It shows what 24 hours can do for you. One moment they are all wrong, they can't win anything and then you go to a grade one track and this happens," Nicholson said.

Cataller to Pope a
Cataller to P The Jackdaws Castle trainer has been at a loss to explain the poor performance by his string and was far from confident about the chances of Za-farabed in the Newbury Autum: lurdle, the afternoon's feature race, because of fitness worries.

Bridgman (1976) it is a special to the parties were the parties were seen and the parties were s Yet, as the quality field turned for home. Richard Johnson could be spotted oozing confidence on the 5-2 shot who duly cruised into the lead between the last two flights before being eased down a long way before the line for a three-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Nearly An Eye (3.20 Newbury) Next best: Hidebound (3.50 Newbury)

length victory from the Paul Nicholls-trained Flagship Uberalles.

"I would love to know why my horses are needing a run, but this horse would be grosser than 90 per cent of them. It is perplexing and I don't know

why," Nicholson said.
"On the way here I had a long discussion with Richard Johnson), especially given the whip syndrome at the moment, and said that this horse had to have a nice run round and not be hurt. I told him if he got beat; so be it, but he never looked like being beaten."

The runner-up is a half-brother to Viking Flagship, the now retired Queen Mother Champion Chase winner trained by Nicholson, and was beaten less than a length by Zafarabad at Punchestown in April. "If we were going to get beat by the second horse it was today because looking at them in the paddock he looked fit and mine looked a bit gross.

"You bring this horse here thinking he is short of a run and he bolts up. They all live in the same yard: it is not easy."

Zafarabad has now won five of his six starts over hurdles



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Zafarabad leads Flagship Uberalles over the last flight on his way to an impressive victory in the Newbury Autumn Hurdle yesterday

he was fourth in the Triumph Hurdle - and yesterday's success earned him a 20-1 quote for the Champion Hurdle from William Hill. However. his generation invariably face a tough task as they meet older horses in open competition. "They are at a great disadvantage when they have won rac-

es at three and four, are carry-

contest on Saturday formight.

Chase at Aintree a week earlier.

TEETON MILL, the ante-post favourite

for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, was

yesterday cleared to tackle the Newbury

first big long-distance chase of the sea-

son, rather than have an early look at the

Grand National fences in the Becher

Tecton Mill is 11-2 favourite with Wil-

liam Hill for the Hennessy, for which he

incurred a 4lb penalty after an impres-

sive victory at Wincanton last Saturday.

Explaining the decision, a spokesman

Connections have elected to aim for the

ing penalties and meet at level weights with older horses. It is very hard for them," Nichol-

The trainer added: "Broadsword was five when he finished second to For Auction in the Champion Hurdle, but it is a hard race for young borses. If he is lucky, though, Zafarabad might well go all the way to account for Old Rouvel.

to Cheltenham. He has a touch of class - he finished fifth to Borgia in the German Derby - and is maturing quite quickly."

An hour later, Flying Gun-ner completed the transformation in Nicholson's fortunes by staying on strongly in the Head On Newsletter Hurdle

Teeton Mill to tackle Hennessy

overreact, he will never be able to run off

this mark in the future. Even with a 4lb

penalty he will get in on 10st.
"Norman Williamson jumped off him

on Saturday and said 'Newbury bere we

come' so who are we to disagree? Howev-

er, Teeton Mill's long-term aim remains

Tecton Mill. trained by Venetia Wil-

liams, was making his handicap debut at

Wincanton, having previously won five

The betting on the Murphy's Gold Cup

at Cheltenham on Saturday produced

of his six starts in hunter chases.

the Grand National."

Although only 33 runners lined up for the six races at Newbury, there was no shortage of quality on display. Dawn Leader, the apple of Jim Old's eye, was not foot perfect on his first attempt over fences, but had too much speed for Whip Hand in the Penwood Novices' Chase and looks des-

popular. Coral reacted by cutting Josh

Gifford's charge to 6-1 from 7-1, having

shortened him from 9-1 yesterday. Man-

dys Mantino has also been cut to 6-1 from

However, Gifford is concerned that

Mandys Mantino's stamina may let him

down over this two and a half miles. The

eight-year-old finished third in the two-

mile Arkle Trophy at the course in March

and was third again on his reappearance

"The trip might be a problem," he said.

"He didn't quite get it last time, though he

did have a lot of weight that day and it

over the same trip at Ascot.

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(£2,444: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

has got a lot of speed and when he gets his act together he could be something special," the winning trainer said. Moon Devil is a second-season chaser whose bold style of

jumping and front running is

always going to win him races

and, after a comprehensive success in the Wiltshire Handicap Chase, he looks worth following. Meanwhile, the eagerly-awaited British debut by the Nicky Henderson-trained Ka-

tarino, bought from France, delighted his supporters. He demolished the opposition in the Crux Easton Juvenile Novices' Hurdle and is 33-1 for the Triumph Hurdle. Seamus Durack, 23, yesterday lost his allowance when

taking his career tally to 65 on Tessajoe in the Hennessy Co-gnac Special Series Novices Hurdle qualifier at Sedgefield, Durack is at present first jockey for the Sue Smith stable.

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at Worrester has been cancelled because of waterlog-

2.20 Just Nip Timekeeper's top rating: 2.20 ELA AGAPI MOU. 1.20 HALLOWEEN NOVICES CHASE (£3,977: 2m 4f) (4 runners) BETTING: 6-11 Albertrade: 5-2 Fee Rieszeri, 7-2 No Retrist. 1997: COPPER BOY 8-11-3 B Powell (2-1) R Buckler 4 ran Albertmarie beat Ed 148 in 10-numer nowice chase at Market Rosen (2m. 4. good to britt); previously beat Zaggy Line 71 in 16-humer nowice handle at Easte (2m 31 110yd, 50%). No Remeat women of chases at 2m48 in New Zeatano. Ever Bleased 151 2nd of 1 to Medoy Mark in movice burdle at Wincarison (2m 61, good), previously 34-J 3rd of 15 to Nor's Flutter in novice burdle at Ascot (2m 44, solit). EVER BLESSED, of surpliar ability to Albertrante over frurdles, is taxoured to receipt of 9th 1.50 lionel vick memorial hovices handicap chase (£3,779: 3m) (4 runners) Long kandicap: Rambling Sam 9-5. BETTING: 4-6 Executive King, 11-4 Decham HIN, 4-1 Oh Doors, 33-1 Rambling San 1997: LAUGHING FONTAINE 7-10-1 Mr R Walley (11-2) & Bailey 4 can Denham Hill publied up in handicap hurdle at Fort 11 (3m 3), solt), previously 161 3nd of 7 nt Mos Amie in handicap nurse at Chaptene (2m 4) (2m 5), good to solt); previously basi Of Mother 21st in 19-unite mars handicap nurse at Chaptene (2m 6), good to solt); previously basi Of Mother 21st in 19-unite mars novice brindle at Wincarton (2m 6), good Esticative King best Behiers 1st in 5-nurser novice chase at Kernpton (3m, solt), previously best Wille Warnabb 201 in 6-nurser solver handisap Charles at Marties Resen (2n 61 (10 yrd, beavy), Rambing Sam 37 9th of 14 in Arthina an novice chase at Novicester (2m 6), good to solt), previously 163 3rd of 9 to Serie Tee Day in handicap hardle at Wincanton (2m 6), solt) EXECUTIVE KING remains two unably treated despite a penalty and can complete his hat-inci-2.20 TOM MASSON TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE [SHOWCASE RACE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE] (£4,958: 2m 5f) (9 runners) BETTING: 4-1 Red Corate, Tessiral, 5-1 Ratmostoth, Just Mip, Soloman, T-1 Eta Agapi Mou, 12-1 Sun Surfer, 16-1 Supreme Lady, 25-1 Tennen. 1997: DARAYDAN 5-11-4 A P McCoy (1-8 tav) M Pipe 3 ran 1997: DARAYDAN 5-11-4 A P McDoy (1-6 bay) M-Pge 3 ran Teinnin pulled up in handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 11 170yd, good), previously 344 3 rd of 4 to Monis Solican in handicap chase at Limpfield pack 5 to 15 to 16 to 16

2.50 FURLONG CLUB NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,707: 3m 110yd) (7 runners)

Long handleag: Fadi 8-1D

SOLOMAN should stup filter for his reappearance effort and is open to improvement in this trip

BETTING: 2-1 Streen Duke, 5-2 Highland Jack, 7-2 Wrackless Man, 6-1 Aquavits, 12-1 Shadinigan, Yak Atlarat, 56-Fadi.

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HIGHLAND JACK, a former wisner between the flags, will be culted by this test of stamina

3.20 WINTERBOURNE CONOFTIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,396: 2m 1f) (5 runners)

Long bandicap: Sivewd John 8-12.

BETTING: 11-16 Nearly As Eye, 9-4 Mouse Bird, 5-1 Coolean Hard, 11-2 Rovestar. 66-1 Stread John 1997: DR ROCKET 12-10-13 X Azpuru (6-5 tav) R Dickin 3 rzn

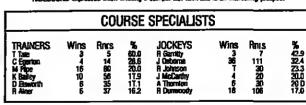
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NEAFILY AN EYE must again take the beating if none the worse for Saturday's exection

3.50 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (QUALIFIER)

(£3,019: 2m 110yd) (13 runners) BETTING: 7-4 Hidobound, 3-1 Moorethre Boy, 7-2 Percy Participer, 7-1 Jungil, 8-1 Billingsgare, 16-1 Splendar Melboy, 33-1 Franch Causty, Sport Lock, The Laster, Effected icono, 50-1 disers

1997: CHERRYMARE 6-11-0 R Favard (7-1) Mrs. I Parties 12 and 1997: CHERRYMARE 6-11-0 R Favard (2-1) Mrs. I Parties 12 and 1997. Billingsgate 241 5th of 23 to Articy Royal in novice hundle at Warwick (2m 41 1994, good). Certic Trador 401 15th of 21 to Andewsphi in resional four flat of 1997 and 1997



some lively exchanges yesterday with for the owners, The Winning Line, said: - the only defeat came when "While we hope the handicapper doesn't Mandys Mantino cootinuing to prove was at the end of the

Newbury Going: - of (good to selt in places) 1.20 (2m 110yd hdel 1, BOLD GAIT (J Oborne, 1-4 lay); 2, Stone Ridge (N Williamson, 4-11; 3, Barestov (A P McCoy, 9-41 ALSO RAN 7-1 Duelo (4th), 10 Chesting The Moon 16th); 20 Councillor (5th), 40 Lizzys Frst, 7 Jan. 71, 21-3, 10l, dst, dsa J Fanshawe at Newmarket, Tote: 52-40; \$1.50, 52.80 DF \$25.20, CSF: £8.93

1.50 (2m 11 chi 1, DAWN LEADER (C Lewellyn, 6-4; Thunderer's napt; 2, Whilp Hund (A P McCoy, evens lav); 3, Tree Creeper (I. Harvey, 25-1); ALSO RAN; 5-1 Star Rage (4th) 4 ran; 4, 81, 181, J Old at Wroughton, Tote £2.50 DF; £1.60, CSF; £3.31.

23.31.
2.20 (2m 4l ch) 1, MOON DEVIL (B Powell, 7-2), 2, Sounds Fyne (M A Fitzgerald, 9-4), 3, Wise King (C Liewellyn, 11-8 lav) ALSO RAN: 7-1 Lightening Lad, 16 Southempton (4th) 5 ran 9l, sh hd, 28, Mark Campion at Worthing Tote £5.00; £1.90. £1.60 DF, £5.50. CSF, £1.29

C1 60 DF. C5.50. CSF C11.29
2.50 (2m 110yd hdiet) 1, ZAFARABAD (R Johnson, 5-2. Timotheeper's top rating);
2. Flagship Uberalles (J Tizzard, 2-1 lav),
3. Shahmur (J R kavanagh, 7-2) ALSO RAN; 5-1 Cenkos (4th), 10 Sound Appeal (Stry 51an 3), 17, 3-4, 6). D Nicholson at Temple Sauling Tole (2,70), £1.40, £1.40.



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3.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, KATARINO (M A Fitzgeitaid, 6-4 lavi; 2, Shenganzar (J Osborne, 4-1); 3, Noble Demand (B Fenton, 100-30) Al-SO RAN 9-1 Empire Gold (4th), 11 Bauble (5th), 20 Mrs Pickles, River Fronter (6th), 7 ran, 10, 2-1, 15, 9, 2-1, N Handerson at Lambourn Toler 52.00; £1 10, 53 60, DF: 63 00 CSF-26 72

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3.50 (3m 110yd hde) 1, FLYang GUNNER
(R Johnson, 7-1), 2, Old Rouvel (D Galagher, 7-1); 3, Jet Boys (A P McCoy, 11-8 tav),
ALSO RAN: 3-1 What's Your Story (4th), 9
Run For Dente (5th) 5 can 17, 21, 16, 23
D Nicholson at Temple Guing, Tote, £9 40,
52 90, 63 10 DF: 223 30 CSF 242.56 Piacepot £151.60. Quadpot £51.30.

Huntingdon Going: good to soft

12.40 (2m 110)d hotel 1, Subtle Influence (R Durwoody, 10-11 fev), 2 Sum Out (5-1), 3, Go Britanne (25-1) 13 ran 14, 21 N Cal-laghan Tote (22.0), 51.20, 51.60, 54.20, DF 57.10 CSF 55.33 DF E7.10 CSF £5.33 1,10 2m 110yd hdfej 1, Another Boweled (8 Cilford, 100-11, 2, Dudden [66-1), 3, Bint Nadia [40-1] Saddlert: Roe (5th) 4-9 fav 12 ran 11, 31 A Janes Tote £33.20, £18.20, £5.00, £5.40 DF not won (pool of £1,199.85 carned tonward to Newbury 2.20 today) CSF £2.288.62

today) CSF 92-288-62: 1,40 (3m chi 1, Big Archite (1 J Murphy, 18-1) 2, Bassenhally (100-30 fard, 3, Solo Gent (5-1) 8 ran, NR: Karrenastino 211, 3-1 Mrs A Bowlby Tole: 917-50; 93-70, 1180, 91-20, DF 939-40, CSF 959-12 Treast 9261-83 CSF: £59 12 Tineast: £267 83 2.10 £2m 110yd hide] 1, Classace Engle (G Bradley, 11-1), 2, Tashseef (50-1), 3, Indiana Princess (4-1 lav) 15 ran Hd. 1st Mrs O Harne Tota: £12.50, £2.90, £12.50, £2.90 0F £1,332 30 - part won (pool of \$257.60 carned (onward to Newbury £2.00 today) CSF: £455.87 Tineast. £2,370 43

CSF: \$455.87 Tincast. \$2,370.43
2.40 (2m 4f 110)d chj. 1. Slema Bay (J. A. McCarthy, 8-11, 2. Shraing, Light (6-1); 3, Sasklare Hero (6-1); Heedwind (5th) 5-4 fav 7 ran. 11, rik. O. Shrawcod. Tote. £8 90: \$3.50, \$22.20 (Dr. £22.50 CSF £48.75
3.10 (2m 4f 110)d chj. 1. Brother of Irls (P. Niver, 7-2); 2. Cherokee Chief (11-8 fav), 3, Smrple Anthrinetic (6-1); 11 ran, 174, 100. Mrs. M Reveley Tote £9 40; £1 80; £1 20, £1 90 (DF: £6.00, CSF, £8.68)

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS 3.40 (2m 110/d hole! 1, Forever Noble (J A McCarrhy, 10-11 favi; 2, Leading Note 110-11, 3, Sleight of Hand (25-1), 13 ran 6, 14 O Sherwood Tote £197 £1.50, £2.20, £6 00 DF: £13 40 CSF £10 43 Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,192.16 car-ried torward to Newbury today).

Sedgefield

Golage good to soft 1.00 (3m st 110/pd hafe) 1, Ruiber (0 Park-er, 8-1); 2, Peep 0 Day (5-1); 3, Ansuro Agan (6-1), Real Fire (3th) 3-1 fav. B ran ¹4, yl R Thomson Toter £7,00; £1,90, £1 50, £2,30 DF, £20,30. CSF, £29 56 Trosst: £150 75

2.00 (2m 3) ch) 1. Noosa Sound |R Supple, 5-2 kay, 2 Casterroy (10-1); 3, German Legond (12-1) 9 ran 19, 27). L Lungo Tote £3.50; £1 60, £2 80, £4 10 DF: £21 60 Timetal. £477.70. CSF: £25.16 Tircast: £236 1S

23.20 CSr. 245 82 3.00 (2m 51 ch) 1, Nosam (Richard Guest, 9-4), 2, Floss The Boss (40-1), 3, Silama Creek (14-1) Fen Temer (4th) 6-11 fav 7 ran NR: Bihavnagar 20, dist. N. Mason Tote, £4 60, £2.20, £6 90 DF: £66 50 CSF, £61 33

3.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1. Xaipete (Richard Guest, evens lav). 2. Last Try (3-1): 3. Somerby (11-2) 6 ran. 23, 111. N Meson Tote: €2 10. £1 40, £1.60. DF: £3 00. CSF: £4 29

2.10 QUEENS HEAD HOTEL (KELSO) HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,731: 2m 110yd) (5) £4.29
4.00 (2m 5i 110yd hdie) 1, Cathedral Belle
(G. Lee, 9-4 lav); 2, Topothenorthreang,
19-2); 3, Hurst Flyer (5-1), 11 ran, 114, 114
Mrs M Reveley Tote £3.00, £1.20, £1.70,
£2.00 DF: £6.10, CSF £12.87 Treast
£45.44
Placepot: £322.90. Quadpot: £57.60. 1 -111 ROSSE, 11 (CD.F.G.S) P Moniath 5-12-0 C McCormeck (5) 116
2 /11/ LIVIO 688 (F.G.S) A Ducken T-11-6 A Dobbin -3
4:38- JUSTIN MAC 193 (D.F.G.S) J FIDSERIA / 7-11-8 P Miven 109
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5 32-6 PALACEGATE (NRS 11 (CD.S) A Walters 9-11-3 I Jardine (7) 123 6-4 Rossel, 2-1 Justin Mac, 5-1 Livio, 13-2 Palacegate King, 12-1 Supertop.

NOVICES CHASE (£4,143: 3m 1f) (4)

4-5 Archina, 2-1 Shiper, 4-1 Mr Frangipani, 100-1 Fury Star

2.40 PETER AND GILLIAN ALLAN HANDICAP CHASE (£4,907: 2m 6f 110yd) (6)

11-4 Major Bell. 4-1 Stemageny, 9-2 Neughty Future, Committed Schedule, 5-1 Davy Balle, 13-2 Seachy Head.

3.10 LANGHOLM DYEING COMPANY CONDITIONAL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,290: 2m 6f 110yd) (6)

5-4 Californments, 7-2 Mr Sloen, 6-1 Mountain Dream, T-1 Distinct, 0-1 Black toe Boy, 10-1 Trix Of The Trade. 3.40 SCOTTISH SPORTS AND FOUNDATION HANDI-

CAP CHASE (£3,388: 2m 1f) (5) 1 PG-P WEE RIVER 12 (CD.F.G.S.) J Oliver 9-11-10 ___ J Catteghan PRINT
2 P32- NGLETONIAN 196 (PF.S.) B Macingon 9-11-5 __B Storey 108
3 P-13 SRIAR'S DELIGHT 11 (B.CD.G.S.) R Alaza 10-11-0 ___ A Dobbia 122
4 S3-1 SOLSGRITH 11 (CD.G.S.) J Brickey 7-10-1 ____ R Supple 102
5 -035 EXCISE MAN 11 (F.G.S.) F Walton 10-10-0 _____ D Parker 54 2-1 Ingletonian, Solsgirth, 5-2 Briar's Delight, 13-2 Whe River, 33-1 Excise Man.

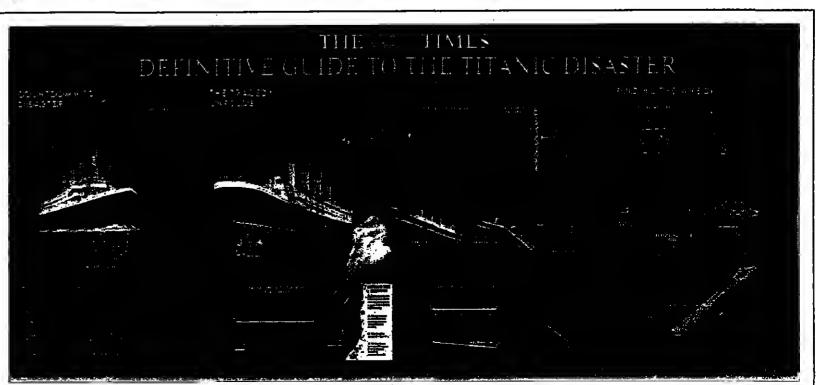
COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANERS: T Dalgety, Swinners from 9 numers, 56.6%, Mrs A Swinbank 9 from 29, 31.0%, F Nikepby, 4 from 13, 30.8%, J J D'Nell, 8 from 37, 21.5%, J Pickepadd, 4 from 21, 19.0%, F Nikepb, 3 boon 21, 14.3%, F Monteith, 17 from 121, 14.0%, R Allan, 1D from 81, 12.3%. JOCKEYS: P Nivae, 43 winners from 141 ristes, 30.5%; E Caltaphan, 4 from 16, 25,0%; J Caltaphan, 12 from 63, 19,0%; A Dobbin, 31 from 174, 17.5%; D Paries, 11 from 69, 15,9%; L Weyer, 11 from 75, 147%; J Supple, 6 from 44, 13,6%; B Harding, 6 from 73, 11.0%; 6 Stority, 19 from 162, 10.4%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Kelso 3.10 Black Ice Boy

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Today The Times offers readers the chance to buy a superb exclusive Titanic wall chart which measures approximately 450mm x 1000mm. This fascinating chart provides an excellent and colourful at-a-glance reference guide to what happened to this revolutionary liner on its fateful maiden voyage — and its subsequent discovery.

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Woodward puts his faith in Luger and Corry

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

doubt to certainty within 24 hours, sprang two surprises in the XV that will start against The Netherlands in the first of their two World Cup qualifying games, at Hudderstield on Saturday. Dan Luger will win his first cap on the left wing and Martin Corry leapfrogs some distinguished rivals to come in at No 8.

Injuries that removed Lawrence Dallaglio, David Rees, Tony Underwood and Kyran Bracken from contention left Clive Woodward, the England coach, debating the merits of Luger against Spencer Brown and Tom Beim — both of them members of the tour party to the southern hemisphere and the Harlequin won

Woodward, though, had little doubt about his antecedents: "When I coached the England Under-21 side. Matt Perry. David Rees and Dan were the stand-out players," he

Perry and Rees have al-ready leapt into the senior squad, but Luger, 23, whose father, Darko, is from Croatia, has been held back by injury. He broke his arm after moving from Orrell to Harlequins, then severely damaged knee ligaments playing against Auckland Blues early last year; he did not return until December, but the knee troubled him for the rest of the season. However, he is now fully fit and benefiting from Harle-quins' upsurge in form: seven tries from nine Allied Dunbar Premiership games are testament to the quality of the fastest player in the England

squad.
"I thought there were too
many guys ahead of me to get a cap and when I heard I was to make my debut, I was speechless," Luger, 6ft I in and 14st 7lb, said. He will be the twelfth player to appear as a wing since Woodward became

Corry, who was capped twice against Argentina last year, will start his first international at home as the form player of the domestic seasoo and ahead of Tony Diprose, who was probably the unluckiest man to miss selection. Cor-ry will have four Leicester colleagues alongside him in the pack, Woodward being per-



ENGLAND: M Perry (Badi): A Healey (Leboster), J Generati (Bath), O Luger (Farlequirs); P Grayson (Northampton), M Dewson (Northampton), J Loonerd (Haflequirs); P Coderilli (Leicaster), O Garforth (Leoester), M Johnson (Leoester, O Garlorth (Leoester), M Lohnson (Leoester, O Garlorth), G Archer (Nowcastle), 2 Clarke (Fichmond), N Back (Leicaster), M Corry (Leicaster), Peptacements; N Seul (Northampton), P de Gistriville (Bath), M Catt (Bath), R Hill Sanacess), T Rodder (Northampton), O

(TOUT) Netrasian, in research (Verecasian). No "Kesty (London Inish), E Miller (Teronue College), A Ward (Balbynahmot), V Costallo (Si Mary's College), Replacaments: C Scally (LOD), D Humphreys (Durgamon), G Dempety (Terenue College), O o'Cultimegain (Sale), J Davidson (Castes), J Fitzpatrick (Durgamon), A Clarice (Durgamon).

suaded that the combination of Neil Back and Corry in the back row would work well, with Ben Clarke taking over from Dallaglio

Injuries have helped the de-cision-making process: Dal-laglio, the nominated captain, will miss both World Cup games, against the Dutch and Italy, which gives Clarke his opportunity, while, at scrum half, Matt Dawson retains his place from the summer tour because Bracken, his inveter-ate rival, hurt his back in training on Monday, Dawson will have his club partner with him at half back, Paul Grayson having been preferred to

Dallaglio sprained a medial ligament against Northampton at the weekend but will hope to have achieved full fitness in time to lead the side against Australia on November 28. "It was an obvious deci-



Corry: in great form

sion to withdraw this week and we will have to see if things improve," he said. "I'm

Par Duignan, who was born in Canada and raised in Australia, will make his debut for Ireland in the World Cup qualifying match against Georgia in Dublin on Saturday. Duig-nan, 26, will partner Jonathan Bell in the centre, with Kevin Maggs, of Bath, reverting to the left wing after appearing in his club position of centre against South Africa during the summer tour.

There are ten survivors from the side beaten 33-0 in Pretoria. including Keith Wood, who is in contractual dispute with the Irish Rugby Football Union. Paddy Johns retains the captaincy and will be joined in the second row by Malcolm O'Kelly, with Jeremy Davidson, the British Isles lock, who joined Castres during the summer, having to be content with a seat among the replacements.

Eric Miller, who has played only four games this season for Ulster and his new club, Terenure College, returns to international rughy after an unhappy 1997-98 season at blind-side flanker. Neither Trevor Brennan, capped in the summer in the back row, nor Alan Quinlan, the Munster flanker, could be considered because of injuries. Peter Clohessy switches to loosehead prop in what could be a permanent move this season.

The replacements include Ciaran Scally, who shared in the Irish Schools' unbeaten tour to Australia in 1996. The promotion to the senior squad of the young scrum half is encouragement to the younger generation to stay at home rather than seek employment

in England.
☐ The Rugby Football Union has postponed the appeal against suspension lodged by-Richmond on behalf of Scott Quinnell until next week. Quinnell, who will be shown off today by Llanelli as part of a three-man package (alongside Jason Barrell, a prop from New Zealand, and Salesi Finau, the Tonga centre) re-cruited to the club, is therefore clear to play for Wales against South Africa on Saturday. The disciplinary hearing will be heard on Tuesday.



Luger was pleasantly surprised to be selected. "I thought there were too many guys ahead of me to get a cap," he said

Expedience is name of the game

BOASTING a number of players whose facial features suggest closer links with Scandinavia than Polynesia, the New Zealand Maoris squad that arrived in Scotland last week was clearly not picked on the basis of racial purity. Selection for the Maoris, effectively an All Blacks development XV nowadays, has become a matter of expedience rather than ancestry, but the same could be said of the Edinburgh Reivers, their oppo-nents at Mansfield Park, Ha-

wick, tonight. Conceived as a full-time professional side that would ring-fence players from the lowly standards of club rugby in order to compete in the European Cup, the Reivers' raison d'etre suffered a blow on Sun-

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By Alasdair Reid

day when they were knocked out of that tournament by Ul-ster. Yesterday, having lost a bost of players to injury and international squad selection. they brought in a number of replacements from the clubs from which they were previ-ously so anxious to distance Stephen Scott, the Gala

booker, is the only one in the starting line-up, but Gordon Ross, of Heriot's, Gregor Hay-ter, of Watsonians, Alan Watt, of Currel, and Jim Hay, of Preston Lodge, have been given seats on the bench. That the latter two are full internationals says much about the bizarre nature of Scottish rugby these days.

So, too, does the fact that Aaron Collins has been named at inside centre by the Reivers, Collins, himself a New Zealander, has been drafted in from Glasgow Caledonians, Scotland's other super-district side, the outfit that gave him a contract this season, but has not yet felt the need to call on his services as

By contrast, the Maoris side looks almost conventional, mixing youth and experience for the first game of their three-match Scottish tour. Their backs contain three All Blacks in Adrian Cashmore, Norm Berryman and Glen Osborne, with Kees Meeuws, the tight-head prop. the only for-

ward to have been capped. Of the others, Norm Maxwell, the lock, is expected to graduate to full international rugby in the near future, while Greg Feek, the loose-head prop. and Bruce Reihana, the wing. are also considered to be potential future All Blacks. The Reivers were forced

Into a late change when Hugh Gilmour - named on the right wing - withdrew with a neck injury. Ally Common is promoted from the replacements with Scott Nichol, of Melrose. conting on to the bench. EDINBURGH REIVERS: S Lang, A Com-mon, S Hastings, A Cotins, J Kerr, C Chairn-ers, I Farley, R McNutry, S Scott, P Wright, D Burns, I Fullanton, A Revburgh, I Sinclair, B Remarks.

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Wyatt sets **Barbarians** on way to stylish victory

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CRICKET

GARETH WYATT, the Pontypridd wing, lifted Welsh hearts in an important week for Wales when he ran in four tries for the Barbarians at Portsmouth last night. Playing in the annual Remembrance Day match with the Com-bined Services, Wyatt both opened and closed the scoring for the invitation team with some delightful footwork.

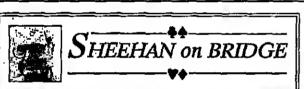
Wales meel South Africa on Saturday, hoping that they can produce similar free running, if not the military exotica to which the Barbarians Englan hatter was were treated by the Services: during their brief time together, they were taken to sea by submarine, to the air by Chinook helicopter and across Salisbury Plain in a tank.

In return, they scored nine tries against their hosts; led with considerable skill by Richard Pool-Jones, the Barbari-ans established a comfortable first-half lead, showing their traditional colours by running the ball from the first moment. The mixture of Taumalolo, the Tonga fly half, and the burly Trevor Walsh, of Henley, in the centre proved a handful for the Services as they tried to establish some cohesion in front of an enthusiastic crowd.

The Barbarians flagged only in the second half, when the Services, victors over The Netherlands a week earlier and lifted by the presence of Rory Underwood, the former England wing, scored 17 points in a 14-minute flurry.

3 SCOPING SEQUENCE (Combined Services first), 0-7, 3-7, 3-12, 3-19, 3-24 (half-time), 3-29, 3-34, 3-41, 10-41, 15-41, 15-46, 20-46, 20-51,

20-46, 20-51,
COMBINED SERVICES: Gnr R Greenslade-Jones (Army), Fit Lt R Underwood
(RAF), LS (R) O Sibson (Navy), O Colt T
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BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT The Yugoslavs were not a major force in the 1998 Junior European Championships, but here one of their players made two thoughtful defensive plays and was rewarded with

Dealer East Love all IMPs ♥ Q52 **♦ 1764** ♠ J105 ♥ 10764 ♥ J8a S A A87 VAKS ♣ KJ2 1 D

Poliacki as West started off the ten of clubs to the queen and king. Declarer crossed to dummy via the queen of hearts and played the four of hearts and played the four of diamonds to the ten. Poljacki imperturbably played small, and after considerable thought declarer played the ace of diamonds, then abandoned the suit. He placed the king of diamonds with East, and did not want to run the risk of giving East the lead, and losing four club tricks. Declarer's next move was to cash the ton spades and

to cash the top spades and play a third spade. His plan was to throw West in with the queen of spades to collect his

FOSSOR

a. A wasp

b. A legionary officer

c. A lumberjack

ninth trick in either clubs or spades. However, West worked out the plan and unblocked his queen of spades under the acc. When East came in with the jack of spades at the next trick he could return a small club, and Poljacki claimed three club winners and the king of diamonds, for one down.

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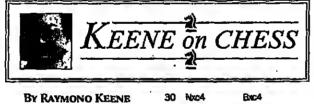
By Philip Howard

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CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Polgar wins

After a relatively quiet year. the world's strongest female player, grandmaster Judit Polgar has burst onto the scene with a splendid victory at the VAM tournament in Holland.

White: Jan Timman Black: Judit Polgar VAM tournament Holland 1998

Ninzo-Indian Defence Nß Rc1 15 Nb3 RM1 buc3 Nd2 C4 Bg3 Be1 23 Ne5 Re1 Nb1 26

Rxg3+ K11 Rec1 Kg1 Rag2+ Kf7 White resigns Diagram of final position

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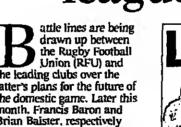
By Raymond Keene

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Black to play. This position is from the game Batzorig - Reefat, Elista Olympiad, 1998. White is very vulnerable to an invasion by a major piece, as his king is pinned to the back rank. How did Black exploit this?

Solution on page 46



the leading clubs over the latter's plans for the future of the domestic game. Later this month, Francis Baron and Brian Baister, respectively chief executive and chairman of the RFU, will hear four different proposals, the most contentious of which is the franchise option. In order to secure the necessary investment from banks who would underwrite the franchises, the clubs want a

five-year moratorium on promotion and relegation to ensure financial stability. Option two is a François Pienaar plan to switch the English season to the summer and incorporate South African teams in a competition backed by television. More realistic is an expanded Allied Dunbar Premiership into which two Welsh and two Scouish teams could be invited. Option four is a strong English league running in tandem with a

Account back

Ceitic league with the top

forward into a European competition with France.

clubs from each going

Just who anthorised Tony Hallett's pay-off after he resigned as the RFU secretary last year? That is the question many clubs want answered. The issue was raised agaio by Mike Wilson, the chairman of Leicestershire, at the RFU annual finance meeting in London last Friday. While there is no suggestion of impropriety on Hallett's part, there is concern that payments might not have been property authorised. With tiubs and constituent bodies in England facing a 30 per cent reduction in grants and with six-figure



sums possibly involved in the Hallett case, the clubs think that they have the right to know more than they do. Graeme Cattermole, the chairman of the RFU finance committee, said it was a management board decision and that there is no question of the RFU ccounts hiding anything.

Field sports

Richard Field, who is not averse to enjoying the good tife, has been in strict training since August for an assault record. Field, the RFU marketing manager, whose shape could be described as comfortable, intends to shed and raise a few pounds by eveling 197% times around the stadium on November 20. That half lap is important because it will mean that he has cycled 100 miles to raise money for Children in Need. "The bike's got 27 gears." he said, "but I don't think I'll be using more than two!

Plans for Nigel

multimillionaire and leading shareholder in Saracens, but Nigel Wray is adamunt that he pays his own way by hiring a hospitality box at every bome game. He is doing so again

this Saturday, spending £2,500 on a 24-scat hospitality suite at Vicarage Road, for the third rugby league international between Great Britain and New Zealand.

The indefatigable Alan Black.

Black days

the RFU nanonal promotions officer, is hitting the road again. Black is organising a series of seminars in Huddersfield every day next week in coincide with England's World Cup qualifying games. There will he a different topic each day at the McAlpine Stadium, including advice on the lottery, sponsorship, ground maintenance and medical

Irish logic

Quote from John Mitchell. Sale's New Zealand-born coach and Clive Woodward's assistant, after his club had beaten the increasingly cosmopolitan London Irish: "It was nice to see the British beating the southern hemisphere," he said.

Beyond Ken

Ken O'Connell, the Ireland flanker, who joined Castres in the summer, is taking time to get used to the customs that preclude drinking after a game in France. "Apparently, it is perfectly all right to smnke about 40 cigarettes the day before a match, but drinking is totally taboo. think t'il have to take up the

Wing wizard

Iolo Williams, the former Newtown wing, who sacrificed his rugby career for bird watching, is tipped to become the new David

Attenborough when his television series. The Birdman, hits the screens. The 36-year-old RSPB officer from Caernarfon admits to baving flights of fancy as far as rugby is concerned. "A fantasy of mine has always been to play for Wales against England - and hammer them," be said. "I suppose I'll have to keep on dreaming."

How West won

West Brideford, the Noningham side, are playing in the third round of the NPI Cup on Saturday, even



Wray: box seat

though they last to Lincoln in the first round and could only draw in the second. Lincoln were kicked out after fielding unregistered players in their 13-11 defeat of West Bridgford. who progressed to the third round as the away side after a 9-0 draw against Newark. Percy Park and Park House were also caught out by vigilant Twickenham nfficials, while, in the Tetley's Biner Vase, seven clubs have failen foul of the authorities after the first round. Beware ... big brother is watching!

MARK SOUSTE

of batting

VESDAY NOVEMBER II Barbarian – on Way to stylish victory

Rising from sickbed to give bowlers the treatment

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ngland cricket in good news shock. Cricket match not lost. The news of Graham Thurpe's heroics has cheered us all up, oo an Ashes tour that looked very much as if it had gone down the plughole

Thorpe got up from his sickbed to Thorpe play an innings that might just have turned the tour around. Certainly, the team will have a spring in its step and maybe the Australians bave stopped

laughing for a bit Naturally, the joke will make the rounds — pity he's not always ill but there's a truth behind the joke. as there is behind most jokes. That misfortune can be an inspiration. a ta' as old as sport, indeed older. but we must consider the notion

that actual illness can be a real and quite specific advantage.

There are many batting stories of illness and miraculous scores. There may be two reasons for this. First, batting does not have the before they had tossed up for the or football, or, for that matter, bowl-

ing. Second - and more important -The demands the very curious mental demands of batting seem, sometimes, on rare occaseem to suit sions with rare men. to be suited to the the sick man' sick man.

Thorpe said that he played "on autopilot" during the crucial middle session of the day, in which he belied 125 runs in an extraordinary counter-attack. Sickness, far from being a disadvantage, seems to have been a help to him. It would appear Ihal this splendid innings was not made in spite of his

because of it.

History's mort famous sick batsman was Eddie Paynter, who played the crucial innings in the most famous Test match ever played, the pivotal third Test in the Bodyline series of 1932-33. Paynter did not get up from a mere sickbed: he played his great innings from hospital.

He was ill before the match, but, fearing for his place, didn't tell his captain, Douglas Jardine. England were 216 for six in reply to Australia's 340. Paynler, fielding in the heat, had collapsed, been told that he was suffering from tonsillitis and been packed off to hospital with a soaring temperature.

He came out to bal from his hospital bed, batted out the last 90 minutes of the day and then returned to hospital. Where he was served cold chicken and iced champagne. He got up to co "nue next day and made 83, setting up England for

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

victory. In the second innings, he made the winning hit. A six. Perhaps a still more remarkable sickbed effort came from Dean Australia, in Madras in

1986-87. In extraordinary, more or less unplayable heat, Jones made 210. At first, he lost so much liquid that it bubbled out through the laceholes in his boots.

The second day was serious. Jones could not drink, because be could not keep anything down. He kept vomiting out in the middle. Twice, he urinated inside his trousers. He had crame and could not bend his knees to sweep. He had pins and needles in his arms. His second hundred came in 84 balls.

At 160, he wanted to retire. Allan Border, his captain, told him: "All right, if that's the way you feel, let's get a real Australian out bere - a Queenslander." Jones stayed. At tea, his team-mates stripped him. cooled him down, redressed him, sent him out, having "forgotten" his box and thigh-pad. When his innings was at last over, Jones stepped out of his iced tub and woke up in hospital on a saline drip. He later discharged himself

know if he had reached his hundred

Great tales. There are plenty of stories about athletes overcoming injury. Al Oerter, the American discus thrower, removed his surgical collar to make the throw that won him the third of his

four Olympic gold medals. These are 'Jones woke the Olympics, you'd die for them, he said. Bjorn Borg won hospital on a Wimbledon one year while giving himself saline drip' injections in the stomach at the change of

Yet illness is different from injury. Illness is something that affects not an exterior bit of yourself, but the core. You cannot blame 'this rotten leg of mine", you can only blame your rotten self. You hear of an injured person being alienated from his own leg: oo one was ever

alienaled from a flu bug. In illness. you are truly less than yourself. Odd, then, that some people be-come more than themselves within

in its graso. It is the nature of batting that you seem to stand there to receive

the buffets of fortune. Every batsman has moments of feeling like St Sebastian. David Gower said that he some-times fell like the Milligan The boy poem: stood on the burning

illoess adds one more layer of suffering to the sense of personal martyrdom, perhaps a mind-clearing one. Illness rids your brain of inessentials like your place and your batting average. Illness takes you right to the end of your tether. Which is where some people and

> straight and get the tot. off to a positive start. Refusing to di-

vulge details of the "confiden-

tial" talks in London thal finally settled the dispute, he apolo-

gised to South Africans for the delayed start to the tour and

thanked President Nelson

Mandela for intervening in

the crisis. He said the letter

sent individually to each play-

er by President Mandela had

given them food for thought.

that he had behaved irrespon-sibly and said that the players

were looking forward to their

opening match in Soweto 10-

day against a Gauteng Invila-

tion XII that will feature devel-

amateur cricket at the UCB-

Bacher: brokered deal

SA, spoke of the relief in South

African cricket circles that the

tour was going ahead. He be-lieved that the tour would

greatly enhance cricket devel-

opment in the country. "When

the match in Soweto is tele-

vised live, it will inspire the

whole country," Majola said.

"Cricket will be the winner."

His sentiments were echoed

by Richardson, who believes

that Lara and his team-mates

can repair the damage to the

team's reputation. "They will

have to work hard to win back

support and popularity," Richardson said. "This is easily

done, though, by simply show-

ing up and being committed

with a smile on your face. I

don't think the South Airican

public wants any more than

keeping the Sri Lanka pinchhitters at bay with figores of

Khaya Majola, the load of

opment players.

Lara fended off suggestions

South Africa

hails the

arrival of Lara

Inigo Gilmore sees West Indies

make a belated start to their tour

WEST INDIES finally arrived Lara tried to set the record

in South Africa yesterday, six

days behind schedule, for the start of their first tour of the

country. The warmth of their initial welcome may be an indi-cation that local cricket fans

are prepared to forget the events of the past week.

A group of white supporters

waved banners at Johannes-

burg airport welcoming the

team and two youngsters raced forward to greet Brian Lara. The West Indies captain,

who has been the central fig-ure in the crisis, shook their

hands and signed autographs

before the team was whisked

Dr Ali Bacher, managing di-

rector of the United Cricket

Board of South Africa (UCB-

SA), has been widely credited

for brokering a deal between the West Indies players and

management to ensure the

tour went ahead. He flew back

to Johannesburg from London

with the players, but refused

to divulage details of the deal.

"It looked as if the impasse

was never going to be bro-

ken," Dr Bacher said, "but, in

It is West Indies' first tour of

South Africa, after the lifting

of sporting sanctions, and the prospect that it might be can-

celled at the eleventh hour

would have been a huge disap-

pointment for South African

cricket supporters. For the

white minority, the tour is the

chance to see a team they

could only previously admire

from afar, but for their black

compatriots it means much

more. It is hoped that a tour by

a flamboyant, all-black team

will spur cricket development

"If you asked a black young-

ster in the townships about

their favourite cricketers, they

would probably be politically

correct and say Hansie Cronje

and Jonty Rhodes, but there is

no doubt that Brian Lara and

Curtly Ambrose are their role

models," David Richardson.

the former South Africa wicket-keeper, said. They will in-

spire young black crikceters

and that can only be good for

in South Africa.

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CRICKET

Impressive England batter way to record

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ADELAIDE (final day of four): England XI drew with

THERE are many ways of saving a game of cricket, but few can have been as impressive as this. After an undignified three-day tutorial from the state players of South Australia, England contrived a monopoly of the closing sessions as an unbroken partnership of 377 between Graham Thorpe and Mark Ramprakash broke a 78-year-old record for overseas sides in Australia.

Thorpe's unbeaten 223 was. the best score of his career and

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND XI: First Innings 187 (N Hussain 57, O G Cork 51).

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-72, 3-75, 4-80. BOWLING: Gillespie 27-14-52-1; Harrity 31-7- 87-1: Amold 25-5-119-0; Johnson 15-2-46-0: Blewett 13-3-28-1; Crook 25-5-91-0; Faulf 4-0-21-0.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: First Innings 325 (G S Blewett 143, J M Vaughan 58; Cork 4 for

Umpires: P G Parker and S J Davies.

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a precious injection of confidence for a man who has suffered chronic self-doubt since midsummer. Ramprakash made 140 not out and, in the process, reconfirmed his hold on the Test place that he has never believed has been anything more than on loan. And England remained unbeaten on tour, which is not quite the hollow achievement that it

may sound. The fact that they have been outplayed in consecutive games by depleted state teams is not a sorring recommendation of England's prospects in the serious business ahead, day of each game, not merely avoiding defeat but dismissing the possibility, reconfirms the impression that, for all their infuriating lapses, they have become more difficult to beat.

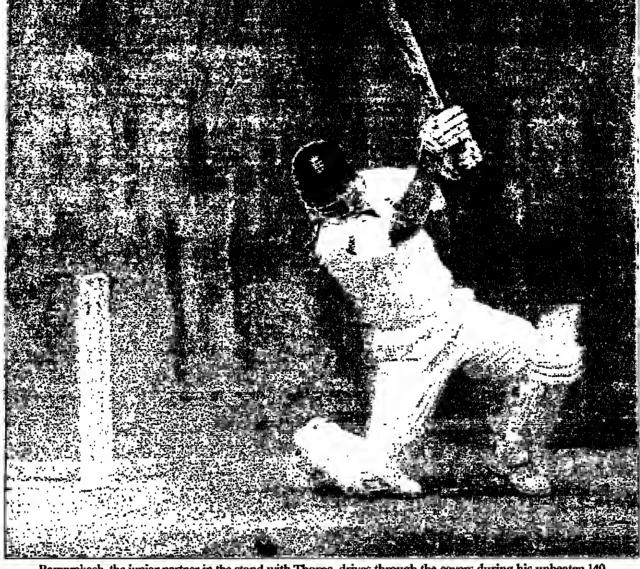
To put events yesterday in context, Thorpe and Ramprakash came together on Monday evening with England four wickets down and still 58 short of making South Australia bat again. The most embarrassing of mishaps - a threeday loss by an innings - con-

By start of play yesterday, they were marginally in profit, but, during a testing morning. they needed to see off the second new ball, propelled by two of Australia's sparkiest fast bowlers. Only when this was achieved could they begin to indulge themselves against support bowling of no great quali-

Though the circumstances should in no sense be compared with those in a Test match, this was a monumental stand. It spanned more than six hours and overhauled by nine runs the 368 shared for the second wicket by Wilfred Rhodes, then a sprighdy 43, and L C. A. G. (Jack) Russell, coincidentally for the MCC touring team in the cor-

responding game on this ground in 1920-21. The England management, aware of the record, sent out Ben Hollioake to inform the pair when they were ten runs short. A token declaracion was delayed in order that they should pass the mark and the rain that had threatened all day then drew a veil over what would have been 85 minutes of irrelevance.

After that, there were commemorative pictures to be taken in from of the scoreboard, interviews to be staged and much communal backslapping. The batsmen concerned seemed creditably realistic, however, knowing that far but their tenacity on the final tougher assignments lie in some handicap and that the Complet by Bill Frindail



Ramprakash, the junior partner in the stand with Thorpe, drives through the covers during his unbeaten 140

wait, grateful only that they can now plan to be involved in them, something neither had been taking for granted.

Thorpe admits he has consciously avoided planning ahead since undergoing back surgery in July. "Instead of thinking two or three year. on, I'm going from game to game. trying to make the most of what I've got," he said. "It was in my mind that I might not make this tour and the fact that my back is fine so far is the most pleasing side of it."

He almost did not make it to the middle yesterday, after a night of sickness. "It was a flutype bug and I still wasn't feeling great when I woke up. I did consider phoning to say I should give it a miss," Thorpe said. Despite looking wan and promising himself an early night, he was relieved to have changed his mind. "Runs come before confidence and on this tour, in particular, it was important for me to get off on

the right foot." For Ramprakash, a complex character, one sometimes feels that compeddon is a burden-

looming shadow cast by John Crawley, since his 153 in the final Test of summer, is actually preventing him being the player he should be.

"I've played nine Tests in a row and I want that to continue, but I have felt the pressure on this tour," he said. "It's difficult to go out and play attacking shots in my position, because I feel that, in every innings I play for England, I have to try and make an im-

rigid application and technical merit more than the fluency of his strokeplay. He scored only 28 before lunch and, in a remarkable afternoon session that produced 194 runs from 33 overs. Ramprakash contributed just 67. He acknowledges his inhibitions, even explains them lucidly, but there will be so much better to come from him when finally he is persuaded to feel secure.

An hour into the day, Ramprakash gave a half-chance to

RECORD PARTNERSHIPS

300-RUN PARTNERSHIPS BY TOURING TEAMS IN AUSTRALIA

Tot Witd Partners

377*Sth G P Thorpe/M R Remorakash
388 2nd W Rhodes/A C Russell
341 3th M C Cowdier/T W Graveney
341 3nd E J Barlowf G Pollock
333 4th W R Hammond/E H Hendren
323 1st J B Hobbs/W Rhodes
326 6th E H Hendren/J W H T Dougles
318 3nd G A Faultver/A W Nourse
314 1st A C Med.aren/T W Heyward
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Tot Wkt Partners

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402 4th W Wasson/T W Graveney
399 3rd R T Sampson/D C S Compton
377-5th G P Thorpedia R Rampreakach
368 2nd W Phodes/A C Russel
368 1st L Hutton/C Washbrook
356 2nd J M Brearley/D L Arnes

350-RUN PARTNERSHIPS BY ENGLISH TEAMS OVERSEAS

but Thorpe will have slept last us. In that sense, it was very night with a weight lifted from important the tour went his mind and England will be Later, at a press conference, the beneficiaries.

ZIMBABWE will meet India in the final of the Champions' Tropby in Sharjah on Friday world champions, by 24 runs yesterday. Sri Lanka needed to win the match comprehensively after losing all of their

slip off Greg Blewett during

the final over with the old ball.

His innings was chanceless

thereafter and although Thorpe might have been

caught three times, the first oc-

casion was not until he had

made 150 and the game was

On a stultifyingly slow

pitch, the ultimate contrast

with the surface in Perth last

week, the bowlers had a thank-

less task and the two debut-

making spinners eventually had their inexperience ex-

posed. Evan Arnold's leg-

breaks conceded 81 in eight overs after lunch, including a

burst of 6-4-6-4 from Thorpe,

who had taken an understand-

able liking to the short on-side

Thorpe's second hundred

came in 89 minutes from only

70 balls and, by the close, he

had beaten by one his previ-

ous highest score, for Surrey

against Glamorgan. He does

not overdo the smiles, nor easi-

ly betray his inner thoughts,

boundary.

bwe wicketkeeper, scored 95 in a record national partnership of 148 for the fourth wicket with Neil Johnson, the former Leicestershire allrounder, who made 72. This represented a solid performance by the two batsmen, who came together with the

Flower and his brother.

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Sri Lanka began their reply four for 32 from his ten overs. poorly, losing Kaluwitharana He was named man of the joined forces with the score on

Paul Strang was the out-

match for his efforts. □ Trevor Penney. Warwickshire batsman, has turned down the chance to

standing bowler of the day.

play in the World Cup next year. Zimbabwe tried to persuade him to give up his career in county crickel lo return to play for his native country; but Penney has said that he intends to stay with

SCOREBOARD FROM SHARJAH

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Total (48.5 overs).....

Ponting points Australia to one-day best Ijaz and Yousuf who put on 162 in 167 balls. For Ijaz, it was



AUSTRALIA set a record for a team batting second in a oneday international when they overhauled Pakistan's score of 315 for eight to win by six wickets with seven balls to spare in Lahore. Australia, for whom Adam Gilchrist and Ricky Ponting both scored centuries in a match full of records, won the series 3-0.

Ponting batted through to the finish, hitting an unbeaten 123 that included ten fours off 129 balls. Ijaz Ahmed and Youstrf Yohanna also struck centuries in the imposing Pakistan total, which beat their previous highest one-day total against Australia - 286 for seven al Trent Bridge in the 1979 World Cup - but their bowlers were unable to contain the Australia batsmen.

Australia lost Mark Waugh with the score on 25, but, from then on. Gilchrist and Ponting made barring look easy. putting on 193 in 177 balls, a record for any wicket in a Pakistan v Australia one-day game. Gilchrist, the Western Australia vice-captain, struck

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF Aamir Sohail for 103. Moin

His 12 fours included many delightful strokes. Ponong, of Tasmania, kept pace with his partner to complete his fifth one-day century in 109 balls. hitting nine fours. "ti's a fantastic win and Pon-

ting and Gilchrist made chasing 316 look easy." Steve Waugh, the Australia captain, Gilchrist was finally

stumped by Moin Khan off

had missed an opportunity to dismiss Gilchrist, when the batsman was on 83, when he fumbled a chance off Aamir. Darren Lehmann fell after making eight, but Steve Waugh, who scored 30, added another 69 runs with Ponting to take Australia within sight of their target. Pakistan owed their total to

a fourth-wicket stand between

SCOREBOARD FROM LAHORE

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AUSTRALIA †A C Glichrist st Moin b Aamir103 M E Waugh low b Wassim _ 13 Total (4 wkts, 48.1 overs)..... A Symonds, B P Julian, B E Young, O W Fleming and G O McGrath did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS. 1-25, 2-218, 3-287, 4-306

DOWLING: Wasim Akram 9-0-46-1; Shoelb Akhlar 8-0-58-0; Saqlein Mushlaq 9-5-0-44-1, Azhar Mahmood 2-0-23-0; Salim Malik 7-0-54-1, Aamir Sohad 10-0-64-1, Shahad Ahdd 3-0-24-0 Man of the match: R T Ponting Umpres: Man Mohammad Aslam and: Mohammad Nazir

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his second ball.

his eighth one-day hundred, in his 213th match, and his innings contained It fours and a six. He was finally dismissed for 111, off 109 bails, the highest individual score in a one day international by a Paki-

stan player against Australia,

surpassing the score of 109 by

Zaheer Abbas in Lahore in

However, Yousuf was the

more aggressive of the two, reaching his maiden limitedover century off 109 balls, including 14 fours. Steve Waugh used eight bowlers in an attempt to dislodge the pair and it was Lehmann who finally made the breakthrough, bowling Ijaz with

India set the previous world one-day record for a team batting second when they overhauled a total of 314 for five by Pakistan in Dhaka in January. Australia are only the third team to chase successfully 300 or more runs in a oneday match. Sri Lanka beat Zimbabwe by chasing 313 in the 1992 World Cup.

Zimbabwe coast to victory

after beating Sri Lanka, the previous games in the Andy Flower, the Zimba-

innings teetering on disaster at 24 for three.

Grant, had held the previous record of 143, set against Pal stan last year, but, on an eas paced wicket, the Zimbaby pair had the conditions ar enough wayward Sri Lanl bowling to make a strong a sault on beating it. The fru ful partnership ended on when a mix-up caused Joh son to be run out. By the however, the foundation were laid for a good score.

and Jayasuriya cheaply, and wickets fell steadily until Tillekeratne and Dharmasena 103 for six. Thoughts of victory were raised by their 93-run partnership, but Tillekeratne was left high and dry on 72 as the innings folded with seven

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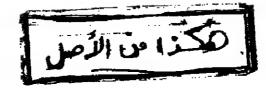
BOWLING: Brandes 8-0-51-1, Streek 9-0-51-2 Johnson 8-5-1-42-1; Streng 10-0-32-4; Whites 10-0-40-1, Goodwin 2-0-14-0

Umpires: O L Orchard (South-Africa) and Javed Aldriar (Pakistan)

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Russian

passes

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Britons

By JULIAN MUSCAT TENNIS CORRESPONDENT YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV, of Russia, kept alive his chances of reaching the ATP Tour finals yesterday when he advanced to the second round of the Kremlin Cup in Mos-cow. Kafelnikov's victory thus

passed the baton to Tim

Henman and Greg Rusedski.

own prospects in Stockholm

who attempt to further their

These three players are dis-

puting the two remaining

places for the eight-man end-

of-season championship in Hanover later this month.

Kafelnikov, ranked No 8 in the

world, must reach the final in

Moscow to have any chance of

overhauling the two Britons. His 6-3, 6-4 victory over

Andrei Cherkasov, his compa-

triot, ensured that Henman

and Rusedski must be on their

menle when they take to the

Henman, who is ranked

seventh. plays Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, in

the second round, and

Rusedski faces an equally

demanding examination in

his first-round match with

Tommy Haas, of Germany. In order to trump either

Briton, Kafelnikov must col-

lect bonus points en route to the final in Moscow. The Russian will therefore have

welcomed the victory yester-

day of Alex Corretja, the No I

seed in Moscow, who had little

trouble in defeating John van Lottum, of Holland, in

straight sets. Kafelnikov must

beat Corretja, of Spain, in the

final on Sunday to have any

prospect of overhauling

Karol Kucera, of Slovakia,

has already qualified for Han-

over, but he is experiencing a

slump in form. Seeded No 2 in Stockholm, he succumbed to

his third defeat in four match-

es when beaten by Wayne Arthurs, of Australia, in two

Arthurs, 27, ranked No 168

in the world, was competing in

only his third event of the year

on the ATP circuit after la-

bouring for much of his career

in the twilight world of dou-

bies. He played well above his

ranking to knock out Kucera.

Henman.

tie-break sets.

court today.

FOOTBALL

Reid plots further glory for Sunderland

By George Caulkin

PETER REID takes considerable pride in declaring himself the product of "a mixed marriage". On occasions, he says - derby days, for instance - it made growing up on a Liverpool housing estate somewhat trying. "I was a Red, dad was a Red and my mum was a Blue," he explains. It is a phenomenon familiar to many Merseyside families.

WIN EMBER II

Tonight, the Sunderland manager takes his team home; top of the Nationwide League first division and unbeaten in all 22 of their matches this season, they face Everton in the fourth round of the Worthington Cup. Goodison Park. where Reid the Liverpool fan scaled the greatest peaks as a player in the Eighties, will be awash with nostalgia.

"Part of my heart is still there and I don't think I'll ever lose that," Reid said yesterday. "I had a fantastic spell there as a player. The only sadness was not being able to compete more often in Europe, but it's a brilliant football club, one I was proud to play for and it's great to be going

In his six years with Everton, Reid was part of a side that, under the guiding hand of Howard Kendall, won two league championships, the FA Cup and in 1985 the Cup Winners' Cup. It is the latter - and the second leg of the semi-final of the same tournament.when Everton beat Bayern Munich, then the Continent's best team, 3-1 that provides Reid with his

happiest highlights. If Reid has sporadically suffered from a touch of insomnia in the intervening years, it has usually been down to the frustrating quirks of fate that afflict every manager. His record when returning to Everton has been "50-50", but the loss of several key players for the match tonight has hardly been conducive to peaceful rest. The return of Lee Clark, who broke his right foot on the first day of the season, to the substitute bench

is a rare, welcome fillip. Ruud Gullit, the Newcastle United manager, launched a withering attack on Leeds United last night, accusing the Yorkshire club of attempting to unsettle David Batty, Newcastle's England midfield player. Having already rejected Leeds's very public courtship of their former player. Gullit insisted he was to table bids for "a striker and a defender", at Elland Road.

"I'm interested in two Leeds players." Gullit said. "They are very unhappy, but I would not have said that if Leeds had not said the same and done it first." Gullit was almost certainly making reference to Lucas Radebe, the Leeds captain, who is in the process of negotiating a new contract. and Jimmy Floyd Hassel-baink, their Holland forward.

Mick McCarthy, the Ire-land manager, was set on a collision course with Charlton Athletic last night after calling up Mark Kinsella, the FA Carling Premiership club's midfield player, for the rearranged European championship qualifying match against Yugoslavia next Wednesday.

Having failed in an attempt to postpone their league match with Middlesbrough on Saturday. Charlton insisted yesterday they would refuse to adhere to the five-day ruling that would deny them the services of Kinsella and Sasa Ilic, their Yugoslavian goalkeeper, arguing they have not received the appropriate written notification. Lawrie McMenerny, the

Northern Ireland manager. must awail the fall-out of this weekend's domestic pro-gramme, unable to invoke the five-day rule for Northern Ireland's group three match with Moldova because the date is set aside for internadate is set aside for intermational friendly matches,
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All play and no work: Perry, centre, is proud of his players' achievements in reaching the first round while under the threat of unemployment

Terriers in dogged pursuit of a dream

The biggest game in Bedlington Terriers history is but a few days away and there are flecks of sawdust in Keith Perry's hair from the hurried work being carried out on the stands. Any chance of a lowkey build-up is loog gone a gale is blowing across the ground and someooe from Notts County was on the phone five minutes ago asking about the club's leading goalscorer. Oh yes, and half of the team have just been

laid off. Welcome to the harsh realities of non-league football. Wondering about all that money swilling around the FA Carling Premiership? They do at Welfare Park, where two failed applications for National Lottery funds resulted in Bedlington reluctantly refusing promotion to the UniBond League last season. Costs, you see.

There is no need to question the extent of the recession nere, not when 3 people - including Bedlington's coach, goalkeeper, a centre half and a striker - are serving notice at the Wilkinsoo Sword factory a few miles down the road, not when 1,000 are going at the SieGeorge Caulkin visits Bedlington, where the Cup is proving a welcome distraction to economic realities

mens plant. Not when taken together with all the other job losses, all the other small tragedies. If the FA Cup firstround tie with Colchester United on Saturday might seem like a side issue, it is not here. Never here. There are five players who

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are going to be out of work by the turn of the year, but, credit to them, they just get on with it." Perry. Bedlington-born. Bedlington-bred and, for the past five years, manager and benefactor to his local side. said. "They're married, they've got families and kids. but it just seems reflective of the bad time the North East is going through at the minute.

"But football can surprise you sometimes. The town is really buzzing because of this Cup run. Bedlington has a



people are really looking

forward to the game. The whole town is talking about it. It has brought everyone together - people have stopped us in the street and phoned us up, wishing us luck. It's just really, really

It is not the first time that the region has suffered economically. The club was founded by pit workers in 1949 — hence their original name, Bedlington Mechanics - who "used to come out of

Despite the extra expense for these past few years he has financed all the ground im-provements — Perry, who owns a civil engineering com-

they had finished their shifts". The town's two mines

have been closed for almost

20 years. The club's old pitch

is a Presto car park.

pany, is rightly proud that Welfare Park is staging the tie. "We could have moved the game, but, at the end of the day, it's Bedlington's match, Bedlington's beritage, Bedlington's prestige," he said. "It's history being made and it should be played here." Full to its 3,000 capacity -we could have sold double" - the ground will be bursting

with pride. That the game is going ahead at all is something of a

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rors the Terriers' transforma-tion from len points adrift at the bottom of the Northern League second division, the nadir where Perry's tenure began, to promotion, to the first division championship, to victory in the Northumber-

land Senior Cup, to this, They have played six matches eocompassing two replays and two penalty shoot-outs, and, along the way, have had to stump up a £150 FA fine for filling in a team-sheet incorrectly. Understandably, team spirit is immense. The lads would die for each other and they'd run through brick walls for me," Perry said.

draw against Colchester would do very A nicely, maybe attract some serious sponsorship or further raise the profile of John Milner, 23, scorer of 26 goals this season — including, at 55sec, the quickest in the FA Cup thus far - and who from Burnley, Stoke City, Tranmere Rovers and Oxford United. At the very least, it would show that the populace of Bedlington, despite all the blows, are still standing. And still kicking footballs.

given an interesting note by the

confrontation of managers. David

O'Leary is still relatively new in his

job at Leeds, the position that Martin O'Neill, who knows

Leicester inside out, could easily

Roy Hodgson, the Blackburn

Rovers manager, will be another manager calling on reserve players

for the match away to Newcastle

does not bode well for a scintillating

who qualified for Hanover only 24 hours earlier. Arthurs, a left-hander, volley tennis to stun the Slova-

kian and move into a secondround match against Todd Martin, of the United States. at the Kungliga Tennishallen.

Goran Ivanisevic, who has designs on a reserve berth in Hanover, maintained his own drive with a first-round defeat of Carsten Arriens, of Germany, also in two tie-

break sets. The Croatian is one place below Kafelnikov in the rankings.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Goodway offers solution

ANDY GOODWAY, the Great Britain coach, said yesterday that a vote of confidence in him by the Rugby Football League, his employer, had been unnecessary after the 2-0 winning lead taken by New Zealand in the threematch Lincoln Finance series last Saturday (Christopher Irvine writes).

"International football has taken several backward steps and we're eight months down the line of trying to bring it forwards again," he said. "Everyone seems to think that by pulling on a red, white and blue jumper, it starts everything on a level playing field."

Goodway, in the first year of a three-year contract up to the 2000 World Cup, partly blamed the series loss on inexperience and players who had difficulty making the transition from club level. He wants more international competition built into a controversial framework next vear of six additional JJB Super League games, in which leading players could play up

The coach said that he expected a big improvement from his players at Watford on Saturday, in response to the threat of a series whitewash.

Six players, including lestyn Harris, were unable to train yesterday, although Harris said that his groin injury was improving. Adrian Morley has little chance of recovering from the ankle injury that prevented him playing in the

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Flo: opportunity

season produced two enthralling contests laced with seven goals. The encounter at Highbury tonight, in the fourth round of the Worthington Cup, should hold the attention no less, although hopes for a similar goal return appear fanciful. Chelsea emerged as winners of

THE meeting between Arsenal and Chelsea in the League Cup last

the two-leg semi-final, back in February of this year, on their way to claiming what was then the Coca-Cola Cup. the first success for Gianluca Vialli as player-manager. That the match this evening will probably not yield as many goals is not just because it is a single-leg

Both sides will bring their attacking problems to the occasion. Chelsea are without Brian Laudrup, who has left for FC Copenhagen, and

SCREWED OFFICE LEAGUE: Premier

division Tiverion v Chippenham JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First di-

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SCHOOLS MATCHES. Heinz Ketchup Trophy: Third round: Bishop Auckland v Burnley Laf Bishop Auckland FC, ? 15pmi Isle of Wight v Southampton (at Newport FC, (7pmi) Premier Leegue Under-16 Trophy: Great Manchester v Marseyside (at Achton United 7:30 pm)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Pierluigi Casiraghi, a long-term injury victim. It is a wonderful opportunity for Tore Andre Flo, who is expected to partner Gianfranco Zola up front, but, should either fail, Chelsea now have precious few

Arsenal have options, despite calls for Arsène Wenger, the manager, to strengthen the striking department of his squad. However, the problem is that Wenger wants to rest his regular first-team players and use the club's reserves, which means that Christopher Wreh, Luis Boa Morie and Fabien Cabalero, an Argentina-born striker on loan at Highbury, will contest the striking places. "My policy for the Chelsea match will be exactly the same as when we played Derby in the last round." Wenger said.

There are two riders to add to

Striking shortage provides Flo with his chance By STEPHEN WOOD

that, though, the main one being that Dennis Bergkamp could have some part to play in proceedings. He is still shaking off the effects of a back injury, but, if he plays, not for the first time will Arsenal's hopes revolve around the Holland forward. Tony Adams, the England defender, could be on the substitutes' bench.

The level of each club's ambition in this competition is easily judged by the team that they field and, like Arsenal, the Manchester United XI that takes on Nottingham Forest at Old Trafford will be some variation of the reserves. Ronny Johnsen would have featured but for news that the ankle injury he aggravated, against Newcastle United in the FA Carling Premiership last Sunday

5-1, O Harold (Eng) bt T Murphy (Ite) 5-3, P Watace (Ite) bt P Devies (Wales) 5-4, O Gray (Eng) bt D Date (Wales) 5-0; A Burnett (Scot) bt F O'Brean (Ite) 5-4; M Campbell (Scot) bt N Foulds (Eng) 5-0;

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STOCKHOLM: Stockholm Oper: First round: W Ferreira (SA) bt J Knippschild (Ger) 64, 6-2, J Bjornam (Swe) bi M-K Gifter (Ger) 6-4, 6-2; T Herman (GS) bt M Tilistrom (Swe) 8-3, 6-2; C Poline (Fr) bt A Vincquerra (Swe) 8-3, 7-5. T Martin (US) bt I Heuberger (Swrt) 6-1, 6-2; W Arturs (Aust) bit Kucara (Sk) 7-6, 7-5; O Nestro (Car) bit J van Herck (Bel) 8-3, 7-6

MOSCOWK Kremth Cup: First round: G Racux (Fr) bt A Medivedev (Ukr) 7-5, 6-4, L Burgamuler (Ger) bt B Ultimah (Cos) 6-4, 6-2; Kroslek (SMI) bt O Gross (Ger) 7-6, 7-6, 7-6, R Sturier (Hoft) bt O Gross (Ger) 7-6, 7-6, R Sturier (Hoft) bt O Vacels (Cro) 6-2, 6-4; M Rossel (Swed) bt J Van Lottum (Hoft) 6-3, 7-6, R Sturier (Hoft) bt O Vacels (Cro) 6-2, 6-4; M Rossel (Swed) bt J Trannop (US) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 5 (Ereau (Can) bt J Pahmer (US) 6-3, 6-3; S Lenau (Can) bt J Pahmer (US) 6-3, 6-3; S Lenau (Can) bt J Van Lottum (Hoft) 6-6, 7-5; P Haarhus (Hoft) bt M Safar (Russ) 6-3, 6-4, S Grossen (Fr) bt W Black (Zm) 6-2, 9-6, 7-5

MEN'S WORLD RANKINGS: Leading positions: P Sampras (US) 12-379; S, M Ross (Chile) 3,570, 3, P Rafter (Aus) 3,463; 4 C Moy (Sp) 2,598; 5, A Agass (US) 2,879; 6, A Correigs (Sp) 2,798; 7, K Kuspa (Slovakia) 2,579; S, Y Krafenkov (Russ) 2,557; 9, R Kraelosk (Hoft) 2,545, 10, T Herman (GB) 2,452; 11, G Russdiski (GB) 2,379.

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SHEFFIELD: Girobank Tour: Men: Quarter-finate: S Lockwood (Sutfolk) bt N Morgan (Northumberland) 6-0,7-5, RCross (Lancastrice) bt R Krisness (Devon) 3-8,6-1,6-2 N Greenhouse (Surrey) bt J Hands (Sussel) 6-2, 6-3; R Brooks (Midde) bt M Constraw (Lanca) 7-5,6-1.
PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania: WTA Tour event: First round: P Schwyder (Switz) bt S Farina (1),7-6,4-6,6-6; A Coeber (SA) bt S Caclo (US) 6-2, 6-0; N Zwerska (Beta) bt T Snyder (US) 6-2,6-1, Reymond (US) bt E Callons (Bet) 6-3,6-3; A Frezier (US) bt Na Majoli (Cro) 2-6,6-2,6-4

could force him out until the new

Andy Cole and Jesper Blomqvist are suffering from hamstring and foot ailments respectively, although Blomqvist's complaint is not as serious as at first throught. No matter — young players such as Jonathan Greening, Erik Nevland, Mark Wilson and Michael Clegg will be entrusted with United's progress again by Alex Ferguson, the manager.

The same, indifferent attitude will not be seen in the other ties. Indeed, Leeds United, for their game away to Leicester City, have successfully persuaded Howard Wilkinson, the man in charge of the England under-18 set-up, to release Jonathan Woodgate from a training camp so that he can line up in the heart of

United, although it is more through necessity than choice. Tim Flowers, the goalkeeper, is out with an injury to his left arm. while the Blackburn forward line is again disrupted because Chris Sutton, who is suspended, and Nathan Blake, who is ineligible, are unavailable. More striking problems; it

BOXING: Naseem Harned is poised to end his contractual arrangements with Frank Warren. The tencontest contract with the promoter has come to an end and Hamed wishes to run his own affairs, together with his brother, Riath. "As from now, Naz is a free agent," Riath Hamed Iold the Sheffield Star yesterday. "Naz is exercising his rights to retain his worldwide rights and control his own

MOTOR RALLYING: Officials of the Network Q Rally of Great Britain bave succeeded in their bid to increase the size of the field for the event this year. The final round of the world championship has attracted an entry of 169 cars, although a limit of 160 was originally placed on the rally, which starts in Cheltenham on

motor sport's world governing body, has given permission to raise the maximum number of cars able to compete in the

SPORT IN BRIEF

have taken.

Allen. of Ireland, was ruled out by work commitments. "We've struck up a useful

November 22. Now, the FIA,

E CYCLING: Prudential. already committed to another three years as sponsor of the round-Britain Prutour, is to further its backing for the sport. The company will sponsor the world track championships at Manchester in 2000. The event was last held in the city in 1996, when Chris Boardman won the 4,000 meters pursuit with a world record time. ■ BOWLS: A makeshift

Ireland team made life difficult for the already struggling Scotland pair in the Manulife Hoog Kong International Classic Pairs tournament at Kowloon yesterday, while Eogland, the holders, chalked up three narrow victories. Sammy joined by Jimmy Chui, one of the rising stars of Hoog Kong bowls, rather than Jeremy Henry, who was partnership," Allen said. after they had toppled Raymond Logan and Graham Robertson 22-19.

to 40 club matches.

first two matches.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Worthington Cup Fourth round Arsenal v Chelsea (7.45) Everton v Sunderland (8.0) Leicester v Leeds (7 45) . Manchester Utd v Nortm Forest (8 0) . Newcasile v Blackburn (7 45) Nationwide League Second division

Reading v Wigan (8.0) FA CUP Fourth qualifying round replays. Hayes v Havani and Waterloomle (7.45) Rushden and Oramonds v Leatherhead (7-65)
UNIBOND LEAGUE. First division:
Congleton v Droylsden. Challenge Cup:
Second round: Garrisbolough v Lincoln
United.

United.

OR MARTENS LEAGUE: League Cup:
First round, first leg: Boston v King's Lvnn,
Cortoy v Starmford Dartford v Torbudge
Angels, Eruti and Belvedere v Crawley.
Newport AFC v Condentord, Racing Club
Warwick v Stafford St Leonards v Fisher.
VS Rugby v Hedworth

PYMAN LEAGUE: Third division: Southall

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INTERNATIONAL MATCH France v Scolland lat Perpignan, 5 01 **RUGBY UNION** TOUR MATCH: Edinburgh Reviers v New Zealand Maons (at Mansheld Park, Hawro).
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HART GILMORE NORTH MIDLANDS CHAMPIONSHIP: Smooshire v Worcesterstree and Hererordshire (at Shrewsbury, 1730). 7 30) CLUB MATCHES: Richmond v Cambridge University (7 30), Bridgend v Llarensant

Scarborough v Darlington (2.0) Group two:
Rotherham United v Halidax Town (7.0)
Group three: Transmere Rovers v West Bromwich Albidon (7.15) Group four: Chesterfield v Huddersheld Town (2.0).
FAL HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final. Sharmock Rovers v Gelwäre (7.45) AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Prisburgh 27 Green Bay 20 BADMINTON Galway (7 45) SCHWEPPES ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Elon Manor & Concord Rangers COMPLETE MUSIC HELLENIC LEAGUE

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BASKETBALL

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Richard Eaton finds reason for fresh hope in badminton

Park promises rich rewards

celebrity status in South Korea to live in this country. He relin quished a university job in Seoul and forsook a comfortable income, all for a more modest existence in Millon Keynes - but then he has never been afraid of sacrifices and the riches he desires are of a different kind.

Park seeks to understand Western culture and the English language as part of his ambition to become the world's greatest badminton coach. The former world and All England doubles champion has already been, in many eyes, the sport's greatest al-round player and now, two years after retiring from playing, he has become the only Asian in any sport to take charge of an English nadonal

squad. There were certainly less difficult ways in which Park might have pursued his aim, for his cultural goals have landed him with the task of helping England recover from a decade-long slide, but there have been improvements in the past 18 months, wrought by a new, young and talented coaching staff, of which Park has been a part, and the sixmatch international series between England and China this week marks another step forward. Park, who won a gold medal at the Barcelona Olympic Games and a silver in Atlanta, has been placed in overall charge for two of the matches and of the few players with chances of winning Great Britain's first badminton medal aı an Olympic Games.

We have a realistic hope in Sydney." Stephen Baddeley, the chief executive of the Badminton Association of England, said. We are now giving Park more responsibility and he will work with a smaller group and a more focused programme."

his group includes Joanne Goode, the only player to win three gold medals at the Commonwealth Games, and Simon Archer and Chris Hunt, surprise winners of the European men's doubles title. Park is at the cutting edge of a push for tougher professionalism. The matches against China sees England without two singles players — Peter Knowles and Colin Haughton who were suspended for misbehaviour during the Dutch Open last month. At least half a dozen others have received punishments or repriuring the past vi

England players have had inadequate financial reward and limited coaching for too long, which has often had a detrimental effect on attitude. This has begun to change since the introduction of increased funding through the National Lottery and so has the coaching staff's attitudes to discipline.



Park is a study of concentration as he watches players from the sidelines during an England training session

This was the area of greatest cultural shock for Park, who was not used to players answering back and found it hard to understand why three days of national training was not six. This was not surprising, for Korean training has long been a darkly humorous euphemism within the international game for such training methods as punishment runs at 6am.

Park is not likely to demand these, though. Highly educat-ed and increasingly adaptable. he knows that the best solution is to try to create ways of marrying Western Individualism with Eastern commitment, although it often goes against his deepest instincts.

Fortunately, perhaps, some pioneering footsteps had already been made. Lee Jae Bok, Park's compatriot, became an outstanding British Olympic coach before returning home in 1996. He warned Park about conflict emanating from

6 It has often been frustrating for him, but he has taken it well ?

cultural differences. "It is not possible just to tell a European player what to do; it is impor-tant to persuade," Lee said.

It was also Lee who per-suaded Park to come to Britain. "He came to me when he had finished playing because he was unsure what to do." Lee said. "I said: 'Go to England now while you are still well-known. Learn your trade and you can soon behave been a player.' "

The change did not happen overnight. During his first year in England, Park's ability to communicate was limited. There were frequent telephone calls home, trips to London to buy Korean food and still stronger feelings of homesickness when he met other Koreans at tournaments. Yet following the fortunes of Manchester United, develop-ing a taste for Boddington's beer and the integration of his four-year-old son, Kwang Ryoul, in a local school gradually had a settling effect. So, too, did the realisation that he carries an aura that greatly impresses English players. "We are lucky to have him."

Hunt said, "He is an inspiracher hold the world speedhitting record, they often cannot hit through Park's quick-witted, nimble-footed

defence during practice.

Park's job will soon be made easier by the £4 million upgrading of the sport's national centre, which should be completed in another six months.

This will increase the number of courts and accommodation, but, according to Baddeley: "It's been difficult for him. He clearly has very strong views about what it takes to be a top player. Important players are totally committed, others only think they are, but we can't turn it into a situation where whatever Park says is gospel - we have to work in a more co-operative and consultative fashioo. It has often been very frustrating for him, but he has taken it well. I don't think there will be an enormous difficulty in another 12 months.

By then, the Sydney Olympics will be only a few months away and Park will be near the end of his intended stay, although he has been writing to English universities and hopes to remain to study for a PhD. If he does, England might hold on to their inspiration from the East for longer than expected.

Although it was made last year, this film about 14 old soldiers of the First World War visiong battlefields and corneteries in Belgium loses none battlefields and cemeteries in Belgium loses none of its impact. These were veierans in every sense, the youngest 97, the oldest. George Lintefair, 101. Another celebrates his 101st birthday during the trip. The most affecting moment is when Littlefair finally tracks down the grave of his best friend, a lad of 18 who was shot by a sniper in 1917. Littlefair granddaughter is every bit as emotional as he is. The programme's sub-text is the contrast between what these frail old men went through and the half century of comparative peace enjoyed by the post-1945 generation. As poignant as anything in the film itself is the knowledge that six of the 14 men have since died. Morse (John Thaw) is taken ill but still tackles a Victorian mystery (ITV, 8pm) her recollection of an unconsummated romance

TELEVISION CHOICE

Sad day for old soldiers

Inspector Morse: The Wench Is Dead

Two things distinguish the latest Morse from its 31 predecessors: the murder is 140 years old and John Thaw's sidekick is not the much abused Lewis but a young fast-track graduate played by Matthew Finney. At one time it seems that the first corpse of the night could be that of Morse himself. Collapsing at a crime convention, he is found to be suffering from a peptic ulcer and possibly something worse. But he pulls through and uses his enforced stay in hospital to solve a Victorian crime for which two canal boatmen were publicly. and in Morse's view, wrongly, hanged. That this scenario is even more unlikely than the usual Morse plot will not worry his millions of followers. who can enjoy a literate script by Malcolm Bradbury, the return of Judy Loe as Morse's lady friend and a bigger role than usual for James Grout's splendidly irascible Chief Superintendent.

Talking Heads: Waiting for the Telegram BBC2, 9.50pm

Afternoon Play: Strange Meeting

Radio 4, 2,15pm

Played to the life by Thora Hird, a favourite Alan Bennett actress. Violet is in her nineties and lives in what is cuphernistically called a rest home. A stroke has left her struggling for words and when her son visits she does not recognise him. Come to that she cannot remember getting married, though

This play for Armistice Day is an atmospheric and

moving account, by Peter Wolf, of the last hours of Wilfred Owen's life (he was killed just before the

armistice) and the title comes from Owen's great poem. The sense of despair mingled with cameraderie in the trenches is brilliantly conveyed,

particularly by Alex Jennings as the captain and Paul Rees as Owen. We hear a sergeant pleading wearyingly with the captain: "It's fuole now, so few of us left, attacking the enemy when both they and

we know, any moment this war'll end." To which

the reply, equally weary, is: "Sergeant, this is court martial talk." Wolf's play is elevated by the device

of portraying Owen's last hours through his own eyes and through those of the man who shot him.

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RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruca 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Nick Barraclough 8.00 Mike Harding 9.00 Al Singing, All Dancing, Ali Might 10.00 Radio 2 Classic Abums Fixetwood Mad's Rumours 10.30 Filterad Alinson 12.00 Katrina Leskanich 3.00am Mo Dulta

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am Brealdast, with Julian Worricker and Victoria Derbyshire 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News, with Annie Webster 1.00pm Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive Peter Alien and Jane Garvey present the day's events and sports action 7.00 News Extra 7.30 John Inverdate's Football Night. Action

National Lottery Result 10.00 Littlejohn 11.00 Late Night Live 1.00mm Up All Night 5.00 Morning Reports

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6.30am Chris Evans 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Bobby Ham 6.45 Hamet Scott 10.00 Mark Forest

TALK RADIO

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with a young man who went off to die in the First World War is sharp and full of emotion. This last in the current Tulking Heads series is the bleakest, a study of old age that spares nothing in its dissection of a failing mind and crumbling body. When Hird breaks down into sobs, the effect is overwhelming. The nearest thing to comic relief is when a male resident of the home exposes himself. "He could have been a bank manager." Violet muses. "except he had no socks on."

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Comedy Lab Channel 4, 11.30pm

It was only a maner of time before somebody sent It was only a maher of time before somebody sent up that burgeoning television genre, the documentary soap, and here is Peter Kay doing it in style in the first of a series showcasing new comedy performers. The site is a motorway service area in Lancashire where the characters include the harassed manageress, a former RAC man trying to establish his own breakdown service, a would-be actor who is meanwhile cleaning the lavatories and a coach driver with a habit of losing his passengers. Every one of them, not to mention a DJ who uses the station forecourt to broadcast his wares, is played by Kay, who also wrote the show. wares, is played by Kay, who also wrote the show. His humour is all the more effective for being understated, so much so that this could almost be the real thing. Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Costing the Earth

A new series of the environment programme that has proven to be excellent at cutting through the thickets of verbosity that emerge from grandiose. inter-government environment conferences and the like to tell us what is actually happening. Tonight the promised clean-up of the North Sea is the focus; John Prescott having returned from the Sintra conference this year pledged to get out Britain's overalls, boots and cleaning fluid. Unfortunately all the North Sea countries have a lot to do before the next EU report in two years time and there is little encouragement to be found in the home of the Eurocracy, Brussels, which the programme reckons is one of the most polluted cides in all of Europe.

Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

6.30am Sports International 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf: Tales from Ovid 7.30 Mandlen Live 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for 6.30am Sports International 7.00 News 7.15 Off the 5heft Tales from Ovid 7.30 Mendlen Live 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Westway 8.30 Everywoman 9.00 News, (948 only) News in German 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 The Farming World 9.30 Britian Now 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 One Planet 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Sports International 12.00 News 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Soundbyte 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Megamix 3.00 News; (648 only) News in German 3.05 Sports Roundup 3.15 Performance 3.30 Everywoman 4.00 News 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.30 Insight, (648 only) News in German 4.45 Britain Today 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Roundup 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 The Works. (648 only) News in German 7.00 News Summary 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Pause For Thought 7.30 Multitrack: X-Press 8.00 Newsdesk 9.30 On Screen 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Insight 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.50 Outlook 11.30 Multitrack. X-Press 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30em From Our Own Correspondent 12.45 Britain Today 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Omnibus 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Medician Books 3.00 News 3.05 World Business Report 9.1.35 Sports Roundup 1.35 Sports Roundup 1.35 Sports Roundup 3.30 Brain of Britain 4.00 The World Today 3.30 Brain of Britain 4.00 The World Today 5.00 The World Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Belley's Easier Breakfast. Soothing music and information updates 8.00 Henry helly Includes The Hall of Fame Hour 12.00 Lunchtime Requests, Jane Jones introduces istèners' lavounte pieces of music 2.00pm Concerto Mozari (Sinforda Concertante in E flat major) 3.00 Jame Crick, including Atternoon Romance and Continuous Classics 6.30 Newsingh, Headlines, arts news and guests, piecened by John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven John Brunning introduces two hours of easy-distering sounds 9.00 Evening Concert Wagner (Siegined Idyll); Hotal (The Planets) 11.00 Mann at Night Music and conversation with Alan Mann 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths with the Early Breaklast Show

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-WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 42

ALPARGATA

(c) A type of sandal. The Spanish word. "My companions wore alpargatas. namely, canvas shoes with thick soles of plained hemp or grass." FOSSOR

(a) One of the burrowing Hymenoptera, the digger-wasps, formerly described as Fossores. The Latin means a digger or someone who digs a fossa, "Each fossor lives an entirely independent life." BAHADUR

(b) A great man, a distinguished personage. a celeb. Often affixed as a title to an officer's name. The Hindi word means a hero or champion. "There is nothing of the great bahadur about him, he is easy of access, civil, and obliging to all who approach him."

FLOBERT (c) A cartridge or breech-loading rifle for the cartridge. The eponym of N. Flobert, a French armourer (1819-94), "The Flobert cartridge is notable as being an evolution of the percussion cap." SOLUTION TO WINNING

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RADIO 3

6.00am On Air with Stephanie Hughes, Includes
Mozart (Rondo in A minor); Tchaikovsky (Eugene
Onegin, excerpt); Ravel (Tombeau de Coupern)
9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday. Includes
Tchaikovsky (Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture);
Glazunov (Violin Concerto); Schubert (Pause, Die
Schöne Müllerin); Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 9
in E list); Hindernith (Symphony Maths der Maler)
10.30 Artist of the Weelc Mattislav Rostropovich
11.00 Sound Stories: Briefer Candies Richard Baker
looks at the life of the Romanian planist Driu

Lipatti
12.00 Composer of the Week: Debussy
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtline Concert: New
Generations Ronald von Spaendorick, clannel.
Alexandre Tharaud, piano, Weber (Grand duo
concertant, Op 48): Schumann (Fantasiestücke,
Op 73); Berg (Four Pieces, Op 5); Poutenc
(Clarinet Sonata)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras The BBC Philharmonic
under Tadaalu Otaka and Yan Pascal Tortelier
Takernitsu (Requiem for Strings), Takernitsu
(Requiem for Strings), Debussy (La Mer),
Beethoven (Piano Concertin No 3 in C minor),
Dvořák (Symphony No 8 in G)

Dvořak (Symphony No 8 in G) 4.00 Choral Evensong Live from the Chapel of Clare

College, Cambridge, Director of music Timothy Brown. Organ scholar Andrew Henderson.

5.00 in Tune Sean Rafferty discusses a new biography of Cole Porter with the author William McGhan.

7.30 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century) The lirst part of the London Symphony Orchestra's Shostakovich retrospective. Conductor Mislistav Rostropovich. Shostakovich (Symphony No.9; Symphony No.9).

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Postscript: Grave New World The leminist water Sadie Plant sees the traiemet as a liberating space for women and believes they will be empowered

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9.45 Songs by Stenhammer The Wanderer: A Ship Saris; Miss Blonde and Miss Brunette; Coastal Song: Songs and Moods, Op 26

10.00 Ensemble Penny Gore intestigates Mozart's thendships with the oboist, Friedrich Ramm, the hom player, Ignaz Leutgeb, and the composer's skittle-playing partner Anton Stadler

10.45 Night Waves Paliet Whight discusses the work of the sculptor Louise Bourgeois

11.30 Jazz Notes A final selection from the Tenor Gladness concert at the Breton Jazz Festival

12.00 Composer of the Week: Monteverdi ii)

1.00am Through the Night with Donald Macleod

6.00am Today with John Humphrys and James
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Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day
8.35 (LW) Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 Michinels with the Times countried Libby Purves
9.45 (LW) Daily Service
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the trenches of the First World War (3/5)
10.00 Woman's Hour with Johns Murray
11.00 Live Luggage: Smugglers Beware Customs
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finkets made from endangered spocess
11.30 Funny Bones Jimmy Tarbuck and Rhors
Cameron discuss comedy through the
generations (2/6)
12.00 News 12.04pm You and Yours
12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.30 Wordly Wise Graham Norton, Jim Tarbue, Susan
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language in the poincligame, chaired by Peter
Hobday (1)
2.00 The Archors (1)

2.00 The Archers III
2.15 Afternoon Play: Strange Meeting See Choice
3.00 Gordeners' Question Time Carole Bader. Nigel
Colborn and Jutin Cushrie answer holifoutiural
questions Chaired by Eric Robson III
3.30 Powerful Substances: Rubber A look at the
increasingly popular commodity
3.45 Ceutionary Tales Hilliare Belloc's classic, read by
Alan Bennett, and Matthew Sweeney reads from
his community.

4.00 Case Notes Graham Easton linds out how good number may provide the key to avoiding discusse

4.30 Thinking Allowed with Laure Taylor 5.00 PM with Charlie Lee-Potter and Nigel Wrench

6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 Rainer Hersch's All Classical Music Explained
When is the right time to clap in classical

concerts?
7.00 The Archers 7.15 Front Row A review of Fear and Loathing in Lac Vegas, Terry Gilliam's film dramatisation of the book by Hunter S. Thompson, stanning Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci, directed by Terry Gilliam.

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7.45 Still Waters (i)
8.00 The Moral Maze Michael Buerk ponders ethical spaces behind the week's news with Janel Daley. Dawl Starter, Dawld Cook and Ian Hargicaves
8.45 Karmic Compensation Nich Walker embarks on a journey acrost Europe, tellecting on his career in international journalism before and after he was confined to a wheelichair (i)
9.00 Costing the Earth New series. See Choice
9.30 Midweek (i)
10.00 The World Tortight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Le Grand Meaulnes Philip Franks reads Alam-Fourner's passionate take of adolescent idealism (3-10)
11.00 Late Night on 4: Five Squeezy Pieces Oilibeat comedy sketches, by Chaire Carman Julia Davis Mans MicErtone Lidears Syst and Arabella Weir 11.30 (LW) Today in Parillament A roundup of the day's events in Westmissie.

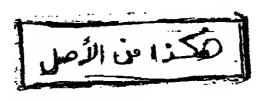
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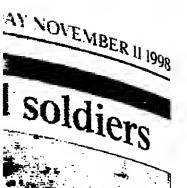
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Editor, there seems to be a tongue in my cheek or the most part, Riete Oord, who directed last night's Cutting Edge (Channel 4) on Hello! magazine, behaved herself - realising that to milk the most merriment from a subject like this. it pays to play it as straight as possible. Nonetheless, one of the most entertaining moments was when Oord mischievously asked Gunn Francis Iaken ill but still Maggie Koumi, editor of the 2 A Publication 121 - affair (LLA, Shu) celebrity-struck magazine, if her staff worked with their tongues in their cheek. Either Koumi is a good actress, or she was genuinely dumbfounded: why on earth, she asked vehemently, would her staff see working on Hello! as ironic? A chastened Oord mumbled politely.

of Long Island, and he'd replied "1 guess so. But, personally, I'd still hate to have a giant hooter." Given the way this Government

the way you'd mumble if you'd just

told Jimmy Durante how you

admired people who could make a

virtue out of having a nose the size

likes to handle its relations with the press, it is surprising that it hasn't made *Hello!* the approved organ of the Labour Party.

Faced with having to explain why exactly it misled the country by telling us it knew nothing more about what Ron Davies had been up to on Clapham Common that fateful night, Downing Street could rely on the interviewer from Hello! to ask Alastair Campbell the crucial, revealing question: "With the plans for the Welsh assembly now in turmoil, the Middle East peace process once again under threat and Ireland's future still precarious, can you tell us. Mr Campbell, how it is that you manage to juggle a busy workload and still find time to devote to making your home so gracious and beautiful?" Even Des O'Connor couldn't get a job on Hello! for fear that he might scare off the subjects with over-aggres-

sive interrogation.

Although renowned for its never-knowingly unsimpering manner towards the rich and famous, Hello! is possibly even better known for its notorious "curse". No sooner do deep-in-love couples agree to be photographed for the magazine in their gracious and beautiful homes than they announce that they're separating. Bill Wyman and Mandy Smith, Gazza and Sheryl, Elizabeth Taylor and Larry Fortensky, Viscount Althorp and Victoria Lockwood, the Duke and Duchess of York - it's as if Hello! is the devil, and Faustian couples must choose whether to sell their marital happiness in

t's a touchy enough subject for Hello!'s publishing director. . Sally Cartwright, to tell Oord: "More than one in two marriages ends in divorce these days in the UK, and it's higher among celebrities, politicians, sportsmen and so

return for Hello!'s fat cheque.

REVIEW



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Joe Joseph

on - the people were featuring. I don't think we can take the credit for causing the divorces." Oh Sally, you're so selfless!

So how has the magazine survived to celebrate ten years on the newsstands in Britain — the ostensible occasion for this documentary? Because, first and last, says Maggie Koumi, "Hello! is a news magazine. Hello!, whatever the critics say, if you look at it,

it's a history of our life and times." Surprising, then, that you so rarely read articles in Hello! about folk like Shaun. You might call Shaun a central plank of Drinking For England, the first in a new series of Modern Times (BBC2), if only the word "plank" didn't connote altogether too dynamic a

But let him describe it himself,

sense of Shaun's blestyle.

as he sits on his gracious and beautiful sofa: "I drink about ten or twelve pints a day, seven nights a week. Barbara [his wife] gets absolutely pissed off with it. And I can understand it. She works, comes home at five, and at six I've gone." Every night, after closing time, she drives to the pub to collect him. "And I shall just stumble into bed and she has to take me socks off, tos I can't bend down because of my hip problem. And she takes them off going. 'Oh God, the smell!'. Then I plonk out on the bed." Somehow you can't

imagine Maggie Koumi fighting to pay big money for exclusive rights to the story of Shaun's gracious life

The trick used by director Brian Hill - who directed Sylvania Waters -- to make us think we were watching more than just a bunch of drunks was to hire the poet Simon Armitage to write verse, or sometimes a Dennis Potter-style song, that encapsulat-ed the lifestyle of the various soaks and which they then recited or sang to camera.

Hill's idea was to "push the limits of the documentary genre". It was clever and stylish in its way. but it didn't tell us anything about drunks we didn't know: it just gave them an undeserved, slightly romantic raffishness, whereas a boozer is generally just another boozer - as in rhymes with loser.

The first in a new series of Back to the Floor fast night (BBC2) was

an eye-opening account of what Butlins's new managing director. Tony Marshall, learnt when he briefly became a Redcoat at the Minehead camp. The new £7 million swimming pool is leaking, guests are seething about their rooms, staff morale is flatter than Norfolk. The surprise is not that Butlins is now faltering but how it ever got to be successful in the first place. Back at HQ. Marshall tells his top managers that his Redcoat experience at Minehead was so "mind-blowing" that he wants them all to go, too.

The look of dread in their eyes as they toadily hailed their boss's brainwave was even worse than the look you'd see on Maggie Koumi's face If Sarah Ferguson announced she was selling exclusive picture rights to her next skiing trip to Hello!'s deadly rival. OK!. And in the history of our life and times, things don't get much more dreadful than that.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (41546) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (88332) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (8754879) 9.40 Style Challenge (9580430) 10.05 City Hospital (T) (9624343) 10.55 News (T) (9484527)

11.00 Two Minutes' Silence Marking the 80th anniversary of the end of the First World War; Followed by Real Rooms ((9494904) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (9497091) 11.55 News (T) Regional news and weather

(9264166) 12.00 Pass the Buck (4025701) 12.25pm Going for a Song (4011508) 12.50 The Weather Show (T) (80613940) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (15879) 1.30 Regional News (73457362)

1.40 Neighbours Susan gives Karl his marching orders (1) (87076879) 2.05 ironside (r) (9236169) 2.55 Wipeout

3.25 Playdays (r) (6185546) 3.45 Bananaman (r) (8687188) 3.50 ChuckleVision (r) (2523817) 4.10 Get Your Own Back (T)

4.35 Microsoap Last in series (T) (7968459) 5.00 Newsround (T) (4699169) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (5904966) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (430701) 8.00 Six O'Clock News (1) (527)

6.30 Regional News (T) (879) 7.00 A Question of Sport with footballer Vinnie Jones, cricketer Angus Fraser, athlete Iwan Thomas and swimmer

Susan Rolph (T) (7701) 7.30 Tomorrow's World Anya Sitaram reports on alternative heart treatment using a simple injection designed to encourage blood-vessel growth (1) (661)

8.00 The Life of Birds David Attenborough describes how white-faced owls locate lemmings, their protein-packed prey, by using night vision 100 times better than any other bird's (T) (328430)

8.50 The National Lottery: Amazing Luck Stories (T) (763817)

9.00 News (T) and weather (9140) 9.29 National Lottery Update (941169)

9.30 One Foot in the Grave Relations between the Meldrews become strained about killing her husband (r) (T) (61985)

10.00 The Best of British Award-winning cornedian Victoria Wood reflects on 30 years in the business. (446782) WALES: 10.00 The Silver Screen (535140) 10.40 The Best of British (968614) 11.25 The Day the Guns Fell Slient (392817) 12.15-1.55am FILM: Footloose (938676)

10.45 The Day the Guns Fell Silent (2/2). Timothy West narrates extracts from letters and diaries of First World War survivors (925530)

11.35 Footloose (1984) See Film Choice. A rebellious student from the city moves to a small town, where he clashes with a preacher who has banned dancing for its immorality. Starting Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer and John Lithgow. Directed by Herbert Ross (258817) 1.15am Weather (4200676) 1.20 BBC News 24

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6.10am The Rinuccini Chapel, Florence (3261966) 6.35 Science Skills (9063169)

7.00 King Greenfingers (1) (5802140) 7.05 Teletubbles (r) (2813782) 7.30 Tom and leientrolies (r) (2013/82) 7.30 1 om and Jerry Klds (r) (2415121) 7.55 To Me, To You (r) (T) (5717411) 8.20 Robinson Sucroe (r) (T) (9317256) 8.45 Juniper Jungle (r) (T) (6022362) 8.55 King Greenfingers (5511633) 9.00 Dynamo (7) (7629508) 9.10 What? Wher? When? Why? (7632072) 9.25 Focus (1) (5020633) 9.45 Words and Pictures (8669256) 10.00

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2.15 Match of Their Day: Kenneth Wolstenholme (70913985) 2.40 News (T) 2.45 Westminster (T) (1202633) 3.35 At the Going Down of the Sun The Queen leads a service of remembrance

from Ypres (2323850) 4.20 Remembrance Meditation Geraldine James (1) (9236140) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (T) (3728879)

4.55 Esther Guest presenter Kaye Adams asks whether being a virgin is back in vogue (r) (T) (5586063) 5.30 Today's the Day (T) (256) 6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (r) (T) (770898)

6.45 At the Going Down of the Sun From the Menin Gate, Ypres (348508)

7.20 The Soldiers' Pilgrimage Survivors of the First World War revisit the battlefields of France and Belgium to pay tribute to comrades who failed to return home (972614) 8.00 Home Front in the Garden (r) (T) (4091) 8.30 The Antiques Show The search begins for the Chippendales of the future (T)

9.00 Nurse The student nurses are on the ward for the first time (T) (450324)



Dame Thora Hird stars in the last of Alan Bennett's monologues (9.50pm)

9.50 Talking Heads It Dame Thora Hird in an Alan Bennett monologue (T) (295492) 10.20 Trade Secrets (968985) 10.30 Newsnight presented by Martha

Keamey (T) (960072) 11.15 Brothers and Sisters (T) (661459) 11.55 Weather (271695) 12.00 Despatch

Box (28183) 12.30am Learning Zone: Arts Late (99183) 1.00 Difference on Screen (28744) 1.30 Passing Judgements (33164) 2.00 Schools: Statistics (49305) 4.00 Languages: Deutsch (89725) 5.00 RCN Nursing Update (86270) 5.30 RCN Nursing Update (8660541) 5.45 OU: Plant Growth Regulators (68893)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (9194091) 9.25 Trisha (T) (9822968) 10.15 This Morning (T) (41330169)

12.15 pm Regional News (3826695) 12.30 News (T) and weather (76817) 1.00 Shortland Street (33275) 1.30 Home and Away (T) (75188)

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5.10 WALES: Primetime Diary (4818072) 5.10 Wildlife Rescue: Sea Mammais SOS (4818072)

5.40 News (T) and weather (313695) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (723324) 6.25 Wales Tonight (T) (944548)

6.25 HTV Weather (357430) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) (275) 7.00 Emmerdale Mandy and Butch's big day arrives (T) (9169)

7,30 Coronation Street Jim gives Liz his blessing (T) (459) Wench is Dead Morse

investigates the murder of a young woman who was killed in 1859, With John Thaw and Matthew Finney (1) (4701) 10.00 News (T) and weather (41633) 10.30 Regional News (442742)



Clive James turns his critical eye on the pop music business (10.40pm)

10.40 Clive James on TV Clive James takes a look back at British television, with the help of his special guest Lutu, and e celebrity audience (950904)

11.10 Strays (1992) with Kathleen Curnian, Timothy Busfield and Claudia Christian. A city couple purchase their dream house in the country only to discover they have invaded the lair of a group of widcats. Directed by John McPherson (182362) 12.40 The Anderson Tapes (1971) Sean Cornery, Dyan Carmon and Martin Balsam star in this thriffer about e former convict who attempts to pull off a million-

dollar burglary, unawara that his every move is being monitored by the authorities. Directed by Sidney Lumet (439003)

2.30 The Hopeful Traveller David Bean continues his walk through the Cumbrian countryside (4104657) 2.55 Trisha (r) (T) (9525831)

3.45 Cybernet (21225386) 4.10 Soundtrax (78036251) 4.40 ITV Nightscreen (98735251)

5.00 Coronation Street (80096) 5.30 News (23638)

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1.00pm Echo Point (33275) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9923850) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4818072)

6.25-7.00 Central News (944546) 11.10 Central Sports Special (182362) 2.30am The Hopeful Traveller (4101657) 3.40 Cybernet (21226015)

4.05 Central Jobfinder '98 (2362580) 5.20 Astan Eye (3927096)

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1.00 Emmerdale (33275) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9923850) 5.08 Birthday People (9448169) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4818072)

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1.50 Jacqueline (1956) Sentimental drama starring Jacqueline Ryan, John Gregson and Kathleen Ryan. When an Irish shipyard worker seeks solace in drink, his daughter resolves to raise his morale.

Directed by Roy Baker (T) (94795508) .3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (463) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (188) 4.30 Countdown (T) (7952698) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (5571121) 5.30 Pet Rescue Roadshow (T) (324)

6.00 Late Lunch with Mel and Sue with guest Jennifer Saunders (42850) 7.00 News (T) and weather (507324) 7.50 Armistice Diary: The Eleventh Hour (T) (716614)

8.00 Brookside Joey receives some bad news; and Jimmy is determined to wreak vengeance on Rufus (1). (6459) 8.30 She's Gotta Have It Liza Tarbuck is in London with three volunteers looking for

party wear (T) (5966) 9.00 Drop the Dead Donkey Helen wrestles with single motherhood and her sexuality; while Sally searches for the secret of eternal youth. With Robert Duncan, Jeff Rawle and Ingrid Lacey (2850)

9.30 is it Legal? Stella and Bob have to spend the night together. With Imelda Staunton, Patrick Barlow, Richard Lumsden and Kate Isitt (T) (54695)

10.00 Ally McBeal Cage's cousin is arrested for assaulting "happy people" with a paddle. With Calista Flockhart and Courtney Thome Smith (T) (177140) 10.55 Whose Line is it Anyway? New series.

Hollywood, with Brad Sherwood, Colln Mochrie, Ryan Stiles and Wayne Brady (T) (130904)



Peter Kaye plays all the characters visiting a service station (11.30pm)

Comedy Lab (1/9)
Highlighting the best of the new comedy performers and writers

12.00 Under the Moon Danny Kelly and Lisa Rogers present another round of interactive sports, including at 2.35am Football Italia; 4.00 High 5; 4.30 Kabaddi

and 5.00 Trans World Sport (6738980)

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9.00 HouseBusters (r) (T) (7986850) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (r) (4749546) 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (2957099) 10.20 Sunset Beach (T) (2507275) 11.10 Leeza (r) (9512140)

12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (2077898) 12.30 pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (7908966)

1.00 The Bold end the Beautifut (1) (6669904) 1.30 Sons and Daughters (7907237) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (5215850)2.30 Good Afternoon (6637633)

3.30 Veronica Clare: Stow Violence
(1991,TVM) Jazz club owner and private
detective Veronica Clare gets involved in
two more mysteries. The first involves her trying to locate the errant mother of e baby abandoned at the lazz club; and the second is the case of a boxer who suddenly leaves his manager after six years. Starring Laura Robinson and Tony Plana Directed by Leon Ichaso and Deborah Dalton (T)(4445527)

5.10 The Roseanne Show (9674099) 6.00 100 Per Cent (5720614) 6.30 Family Affairs (T) (5711966)

7.00 5 News (5226966) 7.30 The Pepsi Chart

8.00 Hot Property (r) (5235614) 8.30 in the Dark (T) (5214121) 9.00 Her Hidden Truth (1996,TVM) Starring

Kellie Martin and Artonio Sabato. Drama In which a young woman who, after being falsely accused of an arson attack at the age of ten, is institutionalised for the murder of her mother and sister. Released at the age of 18 and determined to clear her name, she enlists the help of a sympathetic detective to help her track down the killers. Directed



Messenger's chat show (10.50pm)

10.50 Melinda's Big Night in (8404879) 11.30 Compromising Situations (9785409) 12.05am NHL: American Ice Hockey Colorado v Phoenix (46772725)

4.40 Club Class (r) (92143560) 5.05 You Again? (47122676)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (1970638)

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6.06am Major Leegue (1989) (91506)

8.00 The Saria Clause (1994) (30614)

10.00 About Sarah (1995) (90411) 12.00

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the Jury (1997) (55362) 4.00 The Santa
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4.00 in Name Only (1839) (1762237) 6.00 Frenchmant's Creek (1944) (8526904) 8.00 The Big Rad One (1960) (8566121) 18.00 The Last Hard Men (1976) (240607) 11.40 The Rahsbow (1988) (6224665) 1.35am The French Connection II (1975) 3.30 None But the Lonely Heart (1944) (4618367)

9.00pm Hollywood Greats: Jeen Har-low—The Blonde Bombehell (21350275) 10.00 Saratoga (1937) (9563362) 11.45 Sandely In New York (1963) (33716508) 1.38am The Walking Stick (1970) (15563926) 3.15 Arturo's Island (1963) (90mins) 5.00 Close

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'Bold' appointment welcomed

FA gets help in move to tackle 'sleaze'

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE task of tackling the unsavoury side of football has been handed to a 37-year-old CtD officer from Barnsley. From January, Graham Bean, who has been national chairman of the Football Supporters' Association (FSA) for the past two years, will be the game's first "sleazebuster", investigating cases of financial irregulariries, drug abuse, racism, vio-lent play and misconduct.

His appointment by the Football Association, initially on a three-year contract, is intended to crack down on the sort of scandals that have plagued the sport in recent years, including the "bungs" affair, in which George Gra-ham was suspended from fool-

ball for a year. Bean will also possibly step in to interview players in such cases as the long-running feud between lan Wright, the former Arsenal player, and Peter Schmeichel, the Manchester United goalkeeper, which did much to harm football because of the violence and allegations of racial abuse.

Bean, who has spent 14 of his 18 years' service with South Yorkshire Police as a detective constable, said that he did not expect "an easy ride. II will be

a hard slog". The FA said in a statement: "As compliance officer, he will be responsible for investigating and, where appropriate, prosecuting disciplinary cases and alleged breaches of the FA's rules and regulations. The post was originally recom-mended last year by Sir John Smith, a former Metropolitan Police deputy commissioner, in his report into football fi-

nances and reputations. It is certainly an intriguing appointment. The FSA has often been regarded with suspiby the football authorities be-

ed to play an active role in the administration of the game.

Bean, who became an FSA member in 1990, has succeeded in breaking down these barriers and last year he was ap-pointed to the Government's task force. He said: "It has to be a plus that the FA has been

bold enough to appoint a fans' He has also been involved, while a member of the FSA, in setting up a nationwide bank of solicitors and barristers with expertise in football-relat-

Bean, who principally sup-ports Sheffield Wednesday



Bean: facing "hard slog"

"with a big corner of my heart for Barnsley", will step down as FSA chairman at its national committee meeting on November 15.

He will leave the police on January 3 after a career that saw him working with both the drug and fraud squads. An FSA statement congratulated Bean on his appointment, saying: "We are confident that he will continue to represent the interest of fans competently and effectively in his new

A married father of two, he was with his 8-year-old son at

Hillsborough for the game against Arsenal on September 26, when Paolo Di Canio, the Sheffield Wednesday player, pushed Paul Alcock, the referee, to the ground.

Bean said that on their return home he was explaining to his wife how Di Canio would face a long ban — the Italian was suspended for II matches for that incident. "He is my tad's favourite player and he did not want him banned at all," he said.

This is the sort of incident that Bean might now have to scrutinise in his new role. After that match finished, there were reports of incidents in the tunnel, with the police being mvolved. Bean would be idealsuited to conduct any inquiries.

He said: "I am the first point of reference in disciplinary matters." Bean will advise the FA on whether action should be taken. If a personal hearing is then requested by a player before an FA disciplinary committee, he will take on the role of prosecutor, a post that does not exist at present. He was selected from a

shortlist of ten. including solicitors, policemen and other people familiar with the judicial system, but was engagingly modest yesterday, particularly about his background. The FSA opened a lot of doors for me. I will never forget where my roots are," he said.

□ Peter Johnson is locked in a

legal wrangle with Frank Corfe, the former Tranmere Rovers chairman, over the control of shares in the club worth more than £200,000. Lawyers acting for Corfe

have issued a writ at the High Court in London against Johnson, the Everton chairman. and Tranmere. Corfe claims transfer 86 per cent of Tranmere shares to one of his nominee companies amounts to a breach of contract and is unlawful. He also claims that Johnson unlawfully transferred loans totalling almost E4 million to the same company in October this year.

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In the runs: Thorpe, left, and Ramprakash pose in front of the scoreboard that details their record stand. Photograph: Laurence Griffiths / Allsport

Record silences England's critics

THE Australian predilection for demeaning anything Englist had to be temporarily shelved yesterday when a record that had stood since 1920 was broken with some comfort by two of the batsmen oo whom the return of the

Ashes may depend. Graham Thorpe and Mark tial innings defeat into something close to a moral victory against Sooth Australia by putting on an unbroken 377 for the England fifth wicket on a day when Australians had woken to the most complaceni comments yet about

the forthcoming series.

Readers of the nation's tablold press were treated to the view that "Shane Warne must be foaming at the mouth and pawing at the raw earth at the prospect of sinking his claws into Eogland's top order this summer". By evening, the cutting was pinned up on the wall of the England dressingsponses, after a partnership that showed that England

South Australia, having attained a first-innings lead of 138 and reduced the touring side to 80 for four, failed to

have the will to defy defeat. if

not yet the wit to concoct

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN ADELAIDE

take a single wicket in a day that ended 85 minutes early by rain and in which England added 308 runs.

Ramprakash. whose unbeaten 140 should ensure his series in Brisbane next Friday, looked irked when reminded of the media scorn. "The local press has been oegative about our cricket ever since we landed," he said. "Today, we have shown how hard we are to beat and that we are not going to roll over."

ly wasted a day in its efforts to pile contempt upon England's prospects, various Australian luminaries continuing to opine that it is no longer valid to play a five-Test Ashes

Thorpe was equally dismissive of a media that has scarce-

There was no suggestion land have turned the corner and nor should there be after their pitiful first-innings collapse to 187 all out, which obliged them to spend the next three days trying to save

the game. Thorpe, having emerged from a night of sickness and best 223 not out, said: "We know the area in which we have got to be good to compete and that is in the first innings. In this game, we messed up badly."

That they emerged in good spirits was entirely due to a stand that beat, by nine runs, fred Rhodes and C. A. G. Russell on this ground in 1920-21 and became the highest for any wicket by an overseas team in Australia.

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Dalglish's plans threatened by limited company with Celtic

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bid for Celtic. Anyone harbouring such an ambition has a tortuous path ahead of them, though Fergus McCann, who has a controlling interest, intends to sell up next summer. Complications arise because of the manner in which the club is structured. McCann, contrary to popular

KENNY DALGLISH'S ven-

ture to buy control of Celtic

possesses more allure than it

does plausibility. Dalglish, a

former player with the club.

who has also managed Liver-

pool, Blackburn Rovers and,

most recendy. Newcastle United is said to be joining

Jim Kerr, the lead singer of the

rock group. Simple Minds, to head a consortium that will

of the shares. Celtic shares fall into two categories: ordinary shares. which carry voting rights, and preference shares, which do not. McCann is in command

belief, does not own a majority

By Kevin McCarra

for the moment because he have absolute power for just bought more than half the ordinary shares. However, in 2001, he would only have one third of the total votes. Anyone who bought him out next year, therefore, would



two seasons. It remains to be

seen how attractive that limit-

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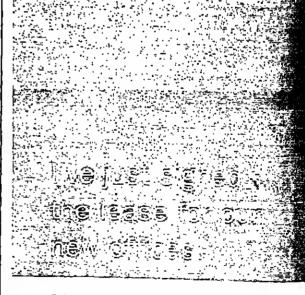
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Dalglish: limited prize

Exchange yesterday, to have requested a meeting with Me-Cann. So far, it has been Me-Cann's plan to offer his holding, in the first instance, to the 9.000 shareholders and to the 50,000 season ticket-holders.

Dermot Desmond, the financier, is expected to increase the already significant stake that he has in Celtic. Many of Mc-Cann's shares, which could be worth more than £30 million, are liable to be bought by those who see the club mainly as a profitable investment.

McCann intends that power over Celtic, after his departure, should be widely dispersed, a view he reiterated last night. Any group wishing complete authority over the club would have to forge an alliance with Desmond and persuade McCann to change his mind. Where the Scots-Canadian millionaire is concerned. that has never been easy.



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Organisers bid to lure Maradona

DIEGO MARADONA will probably never be forgiven for his "Hand of God" goal that belped to eliminate England from the 1986 World Cup finals, but foot-ball supporters in Great Britain could get a rare glimpse of an ageing and notori-ous talent in the new millennium.

Negotiations are now "quite advanced" for the Argentinian, who has been at the centre of three drugs scandals in the 1990s, to be of one of the international stars for a six-a-side indoor tournational stars for a six-a-side indoor tournation. ment scheduled to begin in April 2000.

Neil Black, the managing director of Aladdin Management, said: We will be in a financial position to afford him. Although the vast majority of the players will be British, we would like a sprinBY JOHN GOODBODY

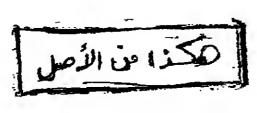
kling of overseas players and are also talking to Jürgen Klinsmann and Lothar Matthaus, of Germany, and Dunga,

Speaking of Maradona, who retired from competitive play carrier this year but is said to be contemplating making a comeback in Spain. Black said: "He would be perfect in a six-a-side tournament and the British public would be very interested io seeing him." However, he added: "He has had huge personal problems in recent years. Obviously, we would only have players in the league who can conduct themselves like everyone else. This is not a circus event, it is a

serious competition. The public would not countenance expecting to see players who do not turn up."

The first pilot event for the Masters tournament will take place at the Man-chester Arena on November 19, a quadrangular competition involving Manches-ter United, Manchester City, Liverpool and Arsenal. Among the players expected to take part are Ray Wilkins, Bryan Rob-son. David O'Leary, Kenny Sansom, Phil Neal and Jan Molby.

The tournament proper would be held in London, Manchester, Birmingham. Sheffield, Glasgow and Belfast. The organisers are hoping that football will acquire the same popularity as Masters events in golf, athletics and tennis.



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Selling a house? Soon you'll have to write a book

tral plank of the Government's house-buying reforms - to be announced in a consultation paper this month — is the idea that sellers should gather and pay for information about their house and present it to buyers in a "log book" or "seller's pack-

age". The package could include a structural survey, a measure which has left sellers and buyers nervous. Sellers are balking at bearing the extra cost of surveys, planning searches, and other legal expenses. Buy-ers are nervous about taking a eller's survey on trust.

Mr Hodkinson's log book contains:

surveyor costs for the floor plans.

Registry direct. Cost: £8.

Sellers may be forced to compile

a history of their properties to

pass on to buyers. Rachel Kelly looks at a controversial new plan

John Hodkinson is a 54year-old retired engineer who has just bought a £610,000 house in Bolham, near Tiverton, Devon. He is one of the first guinea-pigs of the system. The house came with a log book compiled by the seller.

The bottle-green concertina folder with its red-ribbon trim was provided by the agent Knight Frank as part of its

BOLHAM HOUSE'S LOG BOOK

Land Registry plans acquired from the vendor's solicitor, show-

black line around the property. The process takes a couple of

The square footage of the property with floor plans and room

types. The cost was £2,350, including photography costs and

Details of the tenancy agreements on the four let cottages

Grazing agreement provided by seller's lawyers showing how

Updated quotes from builders, plumbers and electricians on

Letter from English Nature saying that bats in the roof must

at Bollam, provided by the seller's solicitor at no extra cost,

much a person is paying to graze a horse on the field.

how much it would cost to redo the house.

days. Solicitors may soon be able to get access to the Land

in that it speeded up the trans-action." says Mr Hodkinson.

That is the point of the reform. House sales that are speedier than today's three-month average should help to curtail gazumping, the process by which a seller reneges on a deal on re-ceiving a higher offer. But Mr Hodkinson is adaing the property's registered title: a plan of the area with a thick

mant that he would not feel comfortable with the seller's

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log book included land regis-

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own survey.

He says: "If I am going to buy something, then the principle remains "buyer beware". It's up to me to spend the money to satisfy my own mind. It is open to a seller to get somebody they know to do their survey and slip them a few hundred quid. I would rather get my own person."

Mr Hodkinson's concerns have been echoed by the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers. Michael Day.

chairman of the residential committee, says: "While a vendor pack going to the buyer sounds like a good idea, it could cause as many fresh problems as it solves.
"It would slow liquidity in the market, as sellers took

longer to put their homes on the market. If a seller provides the survey, then the insurance cover provided by a survey must be re-thought.

property (about 2 per cent of the purchase price) which was "The report would be passed to the buyer, but what would happen if there was a problem? These details may not be insurmountable, but they must be considered."

> here are other diffi-culties. If a vendor fails to provide a survey, is that a crimi-civil offence? And nal or though the reforms could make sellers more committed, will buyers pull out more often if they have not invested in sur-

> veys or legal fees?
> For anyone frustrated by a fruitless search to find a home, perhaps the most worrying aspect of the reforms is that they threaten to deter people from moving at all. At about one million sales a year, the market is already down by about one million sales compared with the late Eighties. Mr Day estimates that 40

per cent of buyers don't put their house on the market until they have found something they like. The extra committment needed by vendors may put them off even more.



John Hodkinson with the history of his house: "The principle remains 'buyer beware'"

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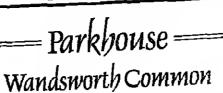
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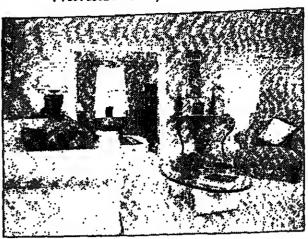
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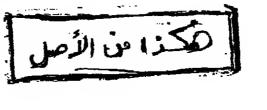
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Why there's room for change in the kitchen

The right cooking area is vital for an ideal home, says Katherine Bergen

ne person in ten is dissatisfied with the kitchen they have and the British spend £900 million a year on improving or replacing them. According to research, it is usually the first room to be tackled on moving house. Now that the function of kitchens has changed as lifestyles and eating have become less formal, they are being redesigned and doubling up as breakfast rooms and dining areas as well as just being updated.

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Philip Hayes, for Siematic, (01438 369327), has seen the change of the role of the kitchen over the past decade: "Once only very close friends would be invited into the kitchen. Now it is truly the heart of the home and guests even help with the preparation of the food." Mr Hayes adds that customers are much more demanding about the performance of equipment.

"People want two or three different cooking methods, like a steam oven as well as being able to use a wok. Formerly, customer interest was much more about the cosmetic appearance of kitchens."

With the huge interest in cook-

With the huge interest in cooking, customers care about all the details. Mr Hayes says that property developers are paying much more attention to customer's needs. "People buying in new developments want choice, not just an identical look, Developers are looking at customising to a greater degree."

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There is a huge variety and price range to choose from. Siematic kitchens can rise to the £40,000 to £60.000 bracket.

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Woodstock Furniture, (0171-245 9989), specialises in the design and crafting of bespoke furniture and kitchens from around £10,000. Timbers are mostly imported from

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North America from sustainable and renewable sources and include maple, cherry and oak, although the company will use any suitable material or specialist finishes, including painted, veneered infays.

Roundhouse Design (0171-428 9955) is a partnership of architects and furniture designers who combine contemporary style with traditional workmanship. Kitchens are tailored to each client's demands, James Taylor, for the company, says: "The future for kitchen design combines smooth curves with streamlined efficiency."

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Poggenpohl (0800 243781) is well known for contemporary design, ergonomic innovation and the huge choice of materials and colours in its five kitchen ranges. Prices include the cabinets, appliances, floors, lights and fittings and are in the £30,000 range.

ulthaup (0171-495 3663) offers innovative design which is modern and highly functional. Unlike most manufacturers it produces just one range, the elements of which are all interchangeable. The current System 25, which costs from £15.000, will be joined by the modular System 20.

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based in Kent, has even constructed a Gothic oak kitchen in an oast house. The Gothic arched panels are echoed in the pelmet fretwork and glazed display cabinets. Bowfronted leaded light windows add to the theme. The company specialises in timbers reclaimed from disused warehouses in old pine, oak, maple and ash.





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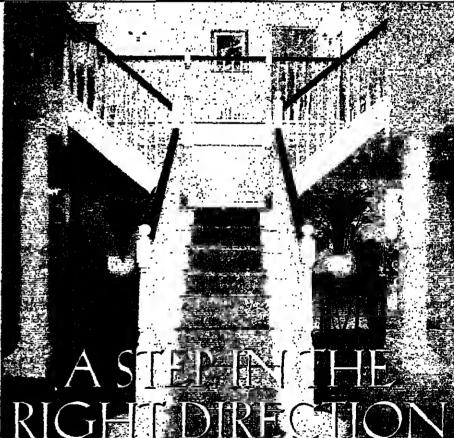
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How buyers are lured with a few canny incentives

Homeseekers cash in as developers offer deals to beat off competitors. Mary Wilson reports

he slowing market may be causing a few headaches for developers, but for canny purchasers things could not be looking more rosy as house-builders do their best to make their product more attractive than competitors. When the going is good, incentives disappear as fast as quicksilver, but now these are back, aimed at investors and owner-occupiers alike.

Galliard Homes has never shied away from offering a carrot to sell its homes and at three of its most recently launched London Dockland developments it is paying purchasers 10 per cent deposits.

Marketing director Roy Conway says: 'The market is far from dead but we want to be one step ahead of our competitors. If it means offering an incentive to purchasers, that is what we will do."

Two-bedroom apartments are available at Cubitts Wharf, a warehouse conversion overlooking the Millennium Dome, priced from £195,000; at Tamarind Court, farther east along the Thames at But-lers Wharf from £230,000 and Old Bell Gate, a new development close to Canary Wharf, from £165,000.

Prospero House in The Minories, London, EC3, is an office to resi-dential conversion by WillowAcre, which prides itself on building the right product in the right place. But even this company is offering a year's guaranteed rental income to tempt the investor to its 14 apartments rather than the other schemes available in the City.

"Last year we had no problem in selling our schemes off plan," says Barry Glantz, of WillowAcre, "but now buyers are more cautious. We have total confidence that when Prospero House is finished it will be a popular and sought-after City address. So, as an indication of our confidence, we are offering buyers a guarantee for the first year from completion of a 10 per cent gross return on their investment."

Jonathan Vandermolen, of the

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selling this development, says: "The difference now is that there is not such an incentive to buy off-plan because there is little per-ceived growth at the moment. Although we have seen more activity in the last few weeks, buyers still want to feel they are buying well."

Prices range from £150,000 to

At St John's, on the site of the old Westminster Hospital, London, SWI, Ballymore Properties is turning the block, which was the Queen Mary's nurses home, into 184 one. two and three-bedroom apart-ments. These overlook St John's Gardens, hence the name of the development, and are priced from £160,000 to £1 million.

Although they have sold well so far - 126 apartments went in four months - the latest phase to be released has the added attraction of a free interior design service. The show flat for these "Limited

Edition" apartments has been designed by international interior designer John Stefanidis, and purchasers of any of the 17 apartments will be offered the complementary interior design consultancy servic-es of Mr Stefanidis.

Sean Mulryan, chairman of Ballymore, says: "We are always aiming to establish new bench-marks in design and luxury in every scheme we undertake. We believe purchasers at St John's are looking for something different that can be created to their needs.

Buyers of the Limited Edition apartments can take the John Stefanidis design a stage further by asking him and his consultancy to create a total look by offering a com-

plete design service."

Apartments in the new phase start at £475,000 and once purchasers have moved in, they will be able to make use of extra services including chambermaid services, valet parking, laundry and an equipped business suite and health spa. This

pro-active encouragement to new buyers is not restricted to London. In Swansea, South Wales, Galliard Homes offered to pay the 5 per cent deposit for 44 one and two-bed-room apartments at Mannheim Quay, ft seemed to work. At the launch a few weeks ago all but one of the flats were sold.

Free leisure facilities are also on

Free leisure facilities are also on offer at a number of developments, which have their own gynasiums, saunas or swimming pools.

At the Apex Building, an office to residential conversion by Berkeley Homes (North London) in Bunhill Row, London, ECl, the company has just announced that new purchasers will be given a year's free membership of the 7,000 sq ft gymnasium to be built at the development of 34 one, two and three-bedroom apartments. The remainbedroom apartments. The remaining 20 apartments are priced from £125,000 to £248,000.

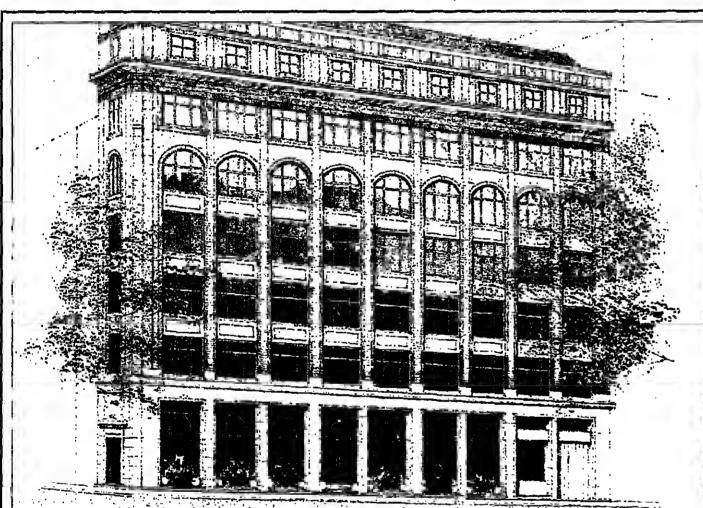
nd at Wimbledon Central, southwest London, the developer. Pathfinder Properties, has included a year's free membership of the 24,000 sq ft Esporta Health Club with its 20-metre swimming pool. One third of the development was originally sold to the Far East, be-fore the Asian crisis, and so far the agents, Hamptons, reckon that half the 104 flats have sold for investment. Prices for the 26 remaining apartments range from £152,500 for one-bedroom apartments to £241,500 for a two-bedroom.

So although the number of Far Eastern investors may have greatly diminished, those from the UK, from Europe and most recently from southern Ireland are finding that there are many good deals for

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Fed up with commuting, more and more are opting to live near their offices, spurred oo by the renaissance of City living.

Many of the big names in res-taurants and retail have decided to ply their trades. Sir Terence Conran recently opened Coq d'Argen there, as has Gary Rhodes with City Rhodes. A Tesco supermarket is doe to open io the old fire statioo in Bishopsgate. Marks & Spencer is opening another store in Gracechurch Street and Harvey Nichols is opening a new restaurant in Leadenhall Street next

spriog. Andrew Culverwell, at Hamptons International in the Royal Exchange, says: "I believe that people are disillusioned with commuting and are fed op with journeys of more than an hour. They are beginning to realise the benefits of living just a five or ten-minote walk from the office.

The City is also coming alive after dark. Most of the wine bars stay opeo late and the infrastrue-

ity slickers are setting up home in the Square Mile. It's slick to live in the City and take a stroll to work. Amanda Loose reports

COMMUTING

ture is being put in place. Applicants vary from young City pro-fessionals to older high-powered

businessmen or chairmen look-ing for a weekday pied a terre.
"It is something of a snowball effect. Once a person moves in they tell their friends and col-leagues. And rents are slightly cheaper than in the West End: a good two-bedroom flat here will achieve about £300 a week. compared with around £450 a week for the same flat in Chelsea."

Nine of the buyers at 6-9 Bridgewater Square, for sale through Hamptons International and Knight Frank, bought the flats near the Barbican Centre so they were able to walk to work.

People were moving out of the City ten years ago, says Jonathan Vandermolen, at Bleinhem Bishop, but now people who travel in

noticed a growing demand for properties in the City over the past_three years: "We have four of five schemes there at the moment, whereas five years ago from the country and the West we would only have one at any End are deciding not to com-mute any longer. "People are given time. now moving back. They have to

work harder to make a living

and are expected to spend more

time at the office. People feel that

flats at Sovereign House, oext to

the site of the proposed new Gold-man Sachs building, off Fleet Street, to City people wishing to

walk to work. Many of those

booght as investments have been rented by similar types. Barry Glanz at WillowAcre,

who developed the scheme, says: "One stop on the Tube is a com-

mute, and I am oot the only one who thinks so. A high number of those buying or renting in our City schemes work within a short

distance of their new homes."

Paul Vallone, at Berkeley

Homes, which has a number of

schemes oo the go in the City, has

Bleinhem Bishop sold several

commuting is time wasted."

"Any form of travelling by train. Tube or car is stressful. and any distance between your froot door and the office an WillowAcre is currently devel-

oping 14 flats at Prospero House in the Minories. Mr Glanz forecasts a shortage of residential accommodation in the City over the next year or so: "It is highly likely that when the current schemes are fioished and sold. there will be few similar developments coming onto the market. But we believe that the demand will continue to rise.

The investors who booght at Sovereign House are already receiving rental returns in excess of 12 per cent, a figure we believe may increase further as the demand continues to rise and the supply diminishes.

Canny speculators take note.

Expatriates return to find more than they bargained for

growing number of expatri-ates are returning to Britain following the handover of Hong Kong to China and the more recent economic turmoil in South-East Asia. The average expatriate has been out of the country for at least two to ten years, during which time the changes that have taken place, especially in the residential property market, are enormous.

Robin Paterson, group managing director of the property agency Hamptons International, which sold nearly 3,000 properties last year, explains: "The first difference someone returning to live in Brilain will see is a financial one. The asking price for a four-bedroom family house in Wimbledon, south London, would have been £300,000 a decade ago, or £175,000 for a house of similar size in Guildford. Surrey. Today the house in Wimbledon is priced at £595,000 and the Guildford home at £349,500."

That represents a sizeable increase in the cost of buying a house, even taking into considerarion inflation over the past ten years and an increase in stamp duty from 1 per cent to 3 per cent. Another area where expatriates will notice a significant difference is in the rental market, which has

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also seen a considerable rise in monthly rental costs: a four-bedroom family house in Esher, Surrey, has increased from £2,150 a month to £2,500, while a similar size house in Wimbledon has increased from £2,000 to £4,000.

We are now beginning to notice that expats are becoming more caurious on their return to Britain and it is far more likely that they will rent for their initial six months back home," says Mr Paterson. "This is usually because people do not want to commit to a purchase in a particular area, or they might be uncertain about their long-term career prospects, having been out

of the country for so long.
"In some cases it is simply because they may want to take time before making the purchase of a new house so soon after arriving back in the country."

Relocation advice to people on the move has also undergone a change in the standard and range of services available. Ten years ago the extent of relocation advice for the average company execurive returning to Britain would have included a choice of three houses in tion pack from the company's human resources department.

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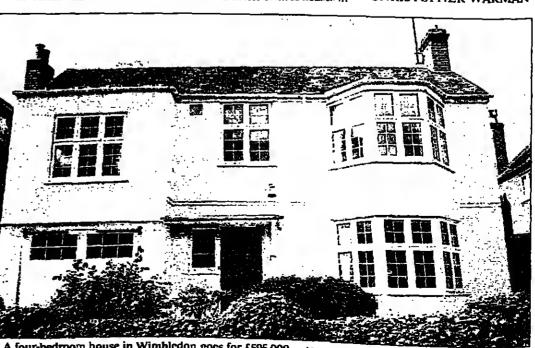
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Employers are now taking the lead and providing their workforces with a much greater level of support. Today, employees of multinational companies have an "orientation consultant' to advise them on legal and financial matters, rental agreements, where the best schools are, careers advice for their spouse and even quarantine laws affecting their pets.

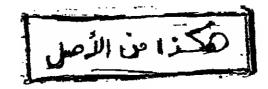
"Companies used to own their own residential property portfolios, which was limiting to their staff. The trend is now to employ an intermediary to provide employees with a more comprehensive service." Mr Paierson says. "Our customers now demand a comprehensive service that will take on board all the worry of a major relocation or move back to Britain."

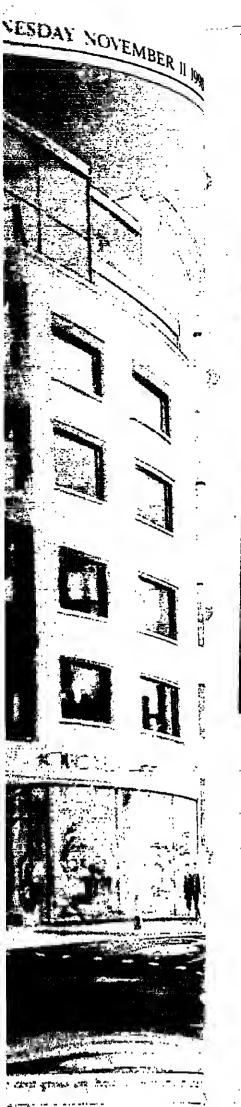
Hamptons, in a field that is becoming an ever more complex market for residential services, is developing its business with that in mind - and is now in detailed negoliations with a joint venture partner, with the aim of providing that comprehensive service.

CHRISTOPHER WARMAN

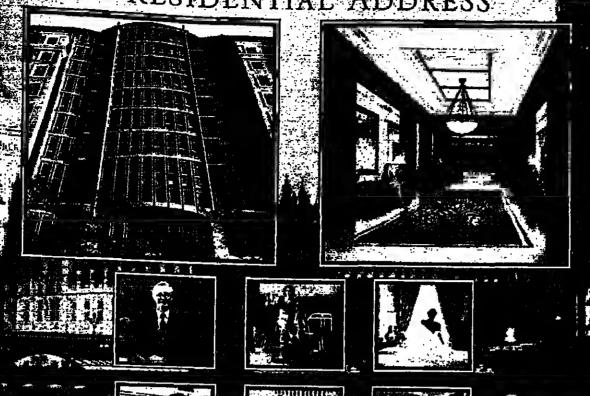


A four-bedroom house in Wimbledon goes for £595.000 - ten years ago it would have cost £300,000





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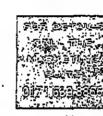
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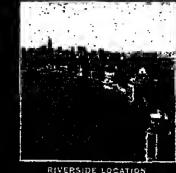
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New dawn: one of the homes built in the grounds of Henley Park, a Jacobean manor house being restored near Guildford in Surrey

The conservation couple

HENLEY PARK, a near-derelict Jacobean manor house near Guildford in Surrey, is being restored thanks to the development of II new houses and mews cottages in its grounds by the husband-and-wife team of Robert and Heather Cantle, of Hencan

Country Homes.

The Grade II house, dating from the 17th century, was empty for 20 years until the couple were approached two years ago by the chief conservation officer of Guildford council.

Mr Cantle says: "Henley Park looked a daunting task the first time we saw it. It was on its last legs, with no roof and several walls falling down, but we could see the potential. As an enabling development, the restoration of the main house at Henley Park and its conversion into four houses will be funded by the new buildings on the site."

The chief conservation officer. impressed by the results of a previous enabling development project in searby Wanborough, asked whether Mr and Mrs Can-tle would like to restore Henley rars. At Wannorough, the cur-ple had rescued and restored the oldest barn in Surrey and given it as a museum to the local authority in return for permission to demolish 26,000 sq ft of redundant A Jacobean manor is being renewed thanks to a couple's hard work, says **Amanda Loose**

RESTURATION

agricultural buildings and build seven oew houses. At Henley Park, the Cantles, work-ing with local conservation and planning officers, plus their own team of workers, architects and a structural engineer, used as many of the original bricks and fittings as possible. After two years and much hard labour, the end is in sight at

Henley Park: the couple hope that work will be completed on the main house by oext spring. The 27-acre site was once a medieval royal park, and the manor house is thought to have been built by Sir John Glyane, Land Chief Justice of the King's Bench in the middle of the 17th century, forested by credite from his care. funded by profits from his suc-cessful legal career. Towards the end of the 1700s, Henley Park

was bought by the Halsey family, who kept it until 1926. By 1941, it was the beadquarters of the

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Properties on the site have been snapped up since the launch last month. Five are already sold. including one of the manor house properties. And although he acknowledges that the restoration and conversion was "tricky". Mr Cantle is on the lookout for similar projects. "Enabling devel-opments allow us to rescue properties io lovely settings, uoderpin the project financially and have the opportunity to give a building new life for hundreds of years.

be says. Another current Hencan project is to build one of the larg-est houses on the Wentworth estate in Surrey, on the site of Kingsbourne, the house once rented by the Duchess of York. Hencan demolished the existing house and is constructing a 14,000 sq ft property on the site, which is for sale through Knight

Frank for £6 million. Browns in Guildford is han-dling the sales at Henley Park (U1483 531 160), prices for proper ties in the manor house start from £355,000; new detached houses from £495,000 and mews houses and cottages from

Many parts of Britain have suffered some of their worst flooding in years. Eve-Ann Prentice reports on the storms

How to survive after the deluge

n Englishman's home may be his castle, but one insidious invader has robbed thousands of homeowners of their most precious possessions in the past few weeks, and seems set to cause more ruina-tion in future. The seemingly unstoppable foe is floodwater.

With parts of Britain suffering their wettest October on record last month, and predictions that global warming will make the country even stormier in years to come. floods are likely to become an evergreater threat to our homes.

Even now, as this winter has barely started to tighten its grip, thousands of householders have suffered flood damage - with all the misery of sodden carpets, lack of electricity and gas, foul-smelling sludge and the loss of treasured belongings such as family photo-

graphs. And the outlook is even bleaker. A report published by the UK Climate Impacts Programme has predicted that Britain will suffer ever more severe winter storms. along with hotter summers, over the next 80 years.

The financial cost of this autumn's deluge has already reached hundreds of millions of pounds, while the toll in human suffering — especially for those living in the worst-hit areas of Wales and the Midlands — is incalculable.

Flood victims in Wales may be particularly hard-hit, as nearly a third have no home insurance. This is below the national average - in Britain as a whole, one in four households has no home insurance. Malcolm Tarling, of the Asso-

can you do to help protect your home from disaster? Obviously. some areas of the country are more prope to flooding than others (see map), though few people would choose where to live on the basis of this. Londoners living near the Thames used to be in fear of a drenching when high tides were coupled with strong winds, but the Tharnes Barrier has removed that threat. The barrier is just part of 24,000 miles of flood defences now in place in England and Wales. Even if you do live in a flood-risk

ciation of British Insurers, says

that insurance premiums are un-likely to be affected by the latest

floods, unless flooding continues

So who is most at risk, and what

through the winter.

- and these are likely to increase in the coming decades there are precautions you can take. When a storm is imminent, if

you can, think about moving easily damaged items above flood level." says Malcolm Tarling of the Association of British Insurers. "Remember to move electrical items, as these will be ruined by water, and make sure that you have no loose roof tiles. If an insurance company finds that a house is poorly maintained, it may well not compensate fully for all the damage."

uildings with thatched roofs may look more vulnerable to rain, but are probably at least as water-proof as tiles. "Generally, thatched roofs are no more at risk than tiled ones," says Christopher White, the chairman of the National Society of Master Thatchers. At least 75,000 buildings have thatched roofs in this country, 50,000 of them being listed buildings, and nearly all are in the southern half of the country.

The Environment Agency is reponsible for issuing flood warnings across much of England and Wales, and it gives guidelines to home-owners on how to protect themselves. "The risk of flooding from rivers and the sea is with us all the time," the agency says. "It can happen very quickly, often with little warning." The organisation issues three categories of flood warning: yellow for threats to some lowlying farmland and roads near rivers or the sea; amber for isolated properties, roads and large areas of farmland; and red, which warns



When the rains came: a community devastated by floods in Banbury, Oxfordshire. Experts say such disasters will occur more frequently

about serious flooding likely to affect many properties, roads and large areas of farraland. The alerts are issued to the police, local authorities and the media. Sometimes warnings are given directly to those at risk. The agency also runs a spe-cial hotline, the Telephone Floodcall, on 0645 88 11 88, where all calls are charged at local rates.

If you hear that a flood warning has been issued, you should call the hotline, alert your neighbours and listen to the local radio station (preferably on a battery-operated radio, in case power supplies are cut). Farmers may need to move live-stock and equipment to higher ground. If flooding is imminent, says the agency, you should move people, pets and valuables to a safe place, taking warm clothes, food, a torch and battery-powered radio with you. Block doorways and airbricks with sandbags, which may be available from local authorities: and switch off gas and electricity

If the worst comes to the worst and your home is flooded, this is what you should do after returning: get the gas and electricity checked before using them; boil all tap wa-ter until it is declared safe; if possible, avoid contact with floodwater, as it may be contaminated; and contact your insurers.

For more information, contact the Environment Agency on 0645 333 III during office hours.

It's not fire that scares you, it's smoke

WITH the recent spate of floods, many homeowners have been helped by their local fire brigade. Ion Goodfellow, who has worked as o fireman for more than 20 years, in several brigades, talks about some of the realities behind the iob. He now works as a fire ond training officer at the Ministry of Defence.

Holding back: the areas in light blue on the map depend on flood protection and land drainage works to enable the use of the land

6 IF you live above the sixth floor in England, you will not get rescued because the equipment won't reach any higher. And if we can't stabilise the platform on the ground, we won't even get

I was a long-distance lorry driver and was passing Bristol Fire Brigade HQ with my then wife when I saw a notice asking for recruits. My wife said "that's a job you could never do", so of course I applied - and they invited me for an interview. I was already a first-aider and had done junior rescue and they took me on. At the time I had long hair and a long beard and I had to have it all cut off, but taking the job was the best move I ever made.

We get many electrical fires. They are a big problem because you get lots of thick, black smoke, it's the fumes which are the problem, more than the flames. Once we were called to a house with a TV which had caught fire. It was just before Christmas and myself and my mate went in using breathing apparatus. There is a lot of noise in fires — bangs and crashes. Because of the danger of **Eve-Ann Prentice** with the latest in her series on the secret lives of our everyday heroes

floors collapsing, we always walk around the edges of rooms and I was doing this when I went upstairs to ventilate the building. I didn't pay much al-tention to the crunching noises. When the air cleared a bit, my mate said "you had better come and look at this, and I thought he had found a dead body. Then I found out what had caused all

the crunching noises — I had trampled all over the kiddies Christmas presents.

Another time we had a call from the RSPCA about a cat that had been up a tree for 24 hours. Rescuing kiny, you are a hero and we arrived to find these golden-haired girls aged about five and eight. We were both probationary officers at the time and we were going to put the ladder up. But the fire officer told us to get a one-inch hose and blow it out of

the tree. He told us that in the days when firemen wore lancer jackets, like US cavalry officers, he went on a roof to rescue a cat and buttoned kitty in his tunic. Kitty dug his claws in his chest and, because he was such a long way up, kiny evacuated his bowels. So we blew the cat out of the tree. It was okay, and it ran off into a hedge. I can still see the look on the little girls' faces.

I can still remember the first person I saw dead. A lady in her early sixties had literally roasted herself to death in from of the fire. From the back you could see her hair, but from the front you could see that her skull had slowly cooked

The worst part of the job is when chil-dren are involved. We were called to a motel fire in Avonmouth where two children had died. Their dad, who was a truck driver, had gone for a drink. It was ghastly because the superheated gases had exploded.

Of course there are amusing incidents. At Soho fire station, the crew was called to a brothel where there was a gent upside down, naked, facing the door and hanging from leg-cuffs, chained to the banister. He was so exhausted after his exploits that he couldn't haul himself up again to undo the locks. The girls couldn't manage to lift him, either, so they called the bri-

We get everything, from someone superglued to a toilet seat to real tragedies. London's Burning has been very good, but you don't see what firefighters actually do; they are very dedicated and professional. We were called to a chip pan fire, for instance — you deal with that by turning off the heat, getting a damp tea lowel, putting it across the fire. We turned up at one house and there was a hero from the police force who had not done this. He was sitting there with half a moustache and half his

hair singed off. Another time we were called to a bou-tique with rails and rails of clothes, and we could see flames at the back. So we got the hoses and were aiming at the lames - but it had absolutely no effect. In the end it transpired that the actual fire was behind a rail of clothes and what we were aiming at was the reflection of the flames in a mirror along the back wall.

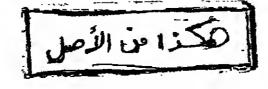
When the Greenham Common protest against nuclear weapons was on, we were called out because the protesters were holding torches which were a fire

I am safety-conscious: I have a fire extinguisher in my house and I am for-ever going round switching off lights. Every time you go to a shout, you feel frightened because you don't know what you will find. It is not the fire. 99 per cent of the time, it's the toxic furnes — and

they can creep up on you.

Prightened? John Wayne, eat your heart out. People say to me I must be brave but no. it's not like that. It's exciting, driving big red lorries that go 'nur nur, nur mur'.





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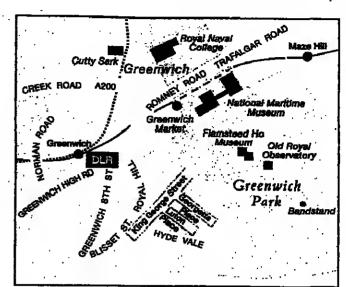


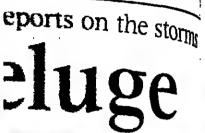
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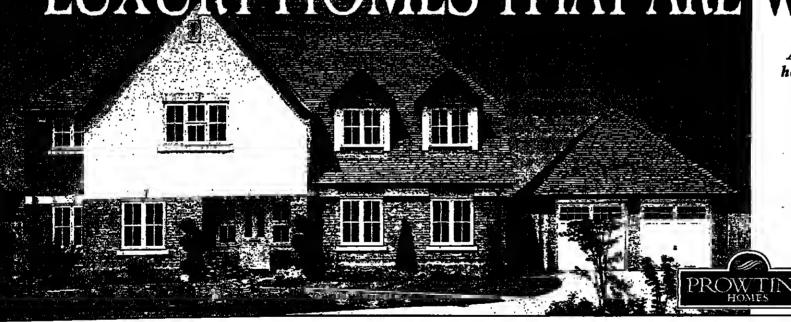
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Wealthy rock stars and computer whiz-kids are reshaping the top end of the housing market, says Jenny Knight

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illion-pound house buyers are getting younger. Thirty-somethings now routinely stroll into estate agents' affices with a list of minimum requirements including swimming pools, acres of land, six bedrooms and a stable block. Many pay cash while the rest explain that they need only a small mortgage to take care of the last £100,000 or so.

Some want a home suited to a simple lifestyle of hard work and socialising: a two-bedroom penthouse in Central London with plenty of space, great views, top security and parking for two cars. When they hear the price tag, they don't blanch

The bulk of Britain's most expensive homes used to be bought by people in their fifties, with one in ten going to the over-sixties. Now, according to statistics from Knight Frank, 55 per cent of buyers are in their forties, ten per cent are in their thirties and only 3.5 per cent in their sixties. And there is even a smattering of sales to men and women still in their twenties.

Foreign buyers account for a high proportion of £1 million-plus sales, and agents report that they, too, are getting younger.

too, are getting younger.
Rupert Sweeting, of Knight Frank's country house department. says: "People used to aspire to a El million house and, after piling up their money for years, ended up buying a huge house, so that most buyers were in their fifties and sixties. Now people are making money younger and the age gap is dropping.

There is a smattering of young rock stars, sports stars and show-business people, but there are a number of amazingly young business successes, especially in the computer industry. These whizkids can sell out when they are still very young and make something like £40 or £50 million.

There are more millionaires in the UK than ever before and they are getting younger. Most like to buy country houses with lots of toys, like swimming pools, tennis courts, a cottage in the grounds and land. There has been an increase in fortunes made by people in sport, fashion, entertainment, advertising and publishing. These professions are dominated by younger businessmen and women."

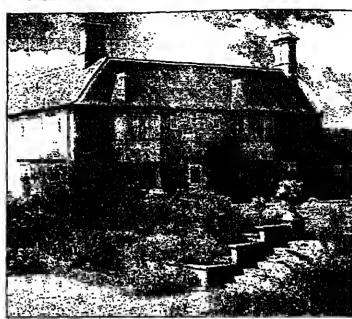
nessmen and women."
Howard Elston, head of Strutt & Parker's Knightsbridge office, says: "It's not unusual any more to sell a E2 million house to someone in their mid-thirties. Single men and women in their early thirties might spend about £1.2 million on a flat, while those in their late thirties with children buy larger houses priced at £2 to £3 million."

A lot of older people no longer want to live in London because It is too busy. "Most of the 60 to 70-year-olds we see in this office are selling up and leaving London," says Mr Elston. "Expensive areas like Belgravia and Knightsbridge, which 20 years ago were quite stiff and formal, are now dramatically different with a buzz and excitement which appeals to younger buyers."



Labour of love: stonemason Andre Vrona and wife Patsy worked for nine years on Heath House, near Stamford, above (dining room) and right, virtually rebuilding what was an almost derelict property

Stanhoe Hall, above, has lured the Vrona family to Norfolk



Young guns with loot to spare

One of the reasons for the rise of the youthful buyer in the El million-plus bracket is the effect of inflation on house prices. Even relatively modest homes can now easily top' the El million mark. FPD Savills reports that Wandsworth, a once seedy area in southwest London, has registered average house price rises of 119 per cent over five years. It has seen a growing number of El million-plus house sales as the large homes near the common rocket in value.

John Denney, Hampton's country house director for Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire, says that even returning expatriates, who used to return home to England in their late fifties or early sixties looking for a grand retirement home, are getting younger.

"Returning expats, thany from South Africa, are now typically in their mid-forties," he says. "As far as age is concerned, everything has come down a gear. The older age bracket is looking to capitalise on the good market — by scaling down to a smaller country place they can lock up and leave, with maybe a flat in town or a cottage abroad. Their large houses are being bought by much younger people. We now come across very wealthy 35 to 40-year-olds. We no longer see so much family money, but a lot more new money which is being made at a much younger age,"

Noticeably, only a small minority of the £1 million properties are being bought by women. And Lottery winners are not well-represented. The ferocious cost of maintaining £1 million-plus homes means most Lottery winners simply haven't won enough to enter this market. While a brand new million-pound house will not need a penny spent on it for the first few years, grand period houses slurp up the money. "The bigger the house, the bigger

the bills." Mr Sweeting says. "You need a very different sort of income to live in a major house. We estimate the annual cost of living between £43.250 and £64,500. And it costs more to furnish a bigger house. The simple pine furniture and prints which might suit a cottage are a long way from the heirloom antiques and oil paintings that are a requisite part of a manor house lifestyle."

Knight Frank says even a farmhouse with four bedrooms and ten
acres would cost up to £14,000 a
year to run. This includes £3,000
for lighting and heating, £500 for
water rates, £900 to £1,200 council
tax, £500 security, £800 to £1,000
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gardener and cleaner, and £5,000
for annual maintenance. Running
costs for an old rectory with six bedrooms could reach £21,900, while
an eight-bedroom manor house
can cost up to £64,000 a year.

CASE STUDY (NICO RENEGLES)

ARCHITECT and interior designer Nico Rensch, 40, has moved house five times in the past four years, progressively moving closer to the El million mark. He's on the move again, from a five-bedroom house. Cheynes Farm, in Cottered, Hertfordshire, with paddocks, stables and a two-bedroom cottage.

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"A millioo pounds still sounds a fascinating, bigtime figure, but it is much more achievable nowadays," he says. "I work for clients whose homes bave cost several millions. A recent client with a £2 million penthouse was in his mid-thirties."

Mr Rensch is house-hunting in Sussex for something suitable for his wife, two children, a horse, and four dogs. He intends spending 10 to 15 per cent oo top of the purchase price on changes to the oew house, "Cheynes Farm is a 500-year-old house, which seems a strange place for a modernist architect to live, but old bouses were very simple and the two styles go together very well," be says.

The Rensch family is moving because he does a lot of work in Sussex and also because they feel they are not utilising the space they currently have. Cheynes Farm is priced at £875,000 (Strutt & Parker).

CASE STUDY: ANDRE VRONK

ANDRE VRONA is a El million-plus buyer at the age of 42, after turning his present home. Heath House near Stamford, into a million-plus property. He and his wife Patsy are moving to Stanhoe Hall. in Norfolk, a Grade I Queen Anne house priced at El.25 million. located four miles from Burnham Market.

They have spent nine years turning Heath House into an attractive contemporary home with splendid gardens. It was nearly derelict when Mr Vrona bought it, prompted by magnificent views of open country.

"It would have fallen down if we hadn't bought it,"

he says, "The gardens were just a field but now they are open to the public, and my pride and joy."

The L-shaped house has been virtually rebuilt, retaining the style of an impressive but simple farmhouse. There are stone-mullioned windows, stone fireplaces and wall panelling. The use of traditional malerials and techniques has avoided any hint of pastiche. Mr

Vrona, a stonemason, did most of the work himself.

"Quite a few who have looked at the house have been very young," he says. "Tastes used to be cultivated later in life, but these people are very discerning." Heath House is priced at £1.25 million (Strutt & Parker).



A superior interior

WHOEVER buys the £4.75 million apartment in Chesham Place, Belgravia, above — being sold through Knight Frank — will get the haute couture of interior design. Carole Langton, of Langton Interiors, who was commissioned to decorate this property, says that a classic mid-European look is the most likely to appeal to a buyer. "Anything too modern or trendy looks dated very mickly" the emplains

looks dated very quickly," she explains.

Generally she submits several design schemes to the developers before they decide on one. In the case of Chesham Place, she furnished it with antiques. The buyer can then purchase anything required to keep.

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"We have sold the entire contents to new owners if
they like the look." Ms Langton says. "Equally, we
know that some clients get their own designers in and

change everything." The difference at this end of the interior design market is not just in being able to use the most expensive fabrics and antiques, but also in the additional attention to detail. Bathrooms even have chrome toothbrushes and perfumes — one, appositely, being Envy by Gucci. The fridges are full of champagne, and the flowers and fruit are changed daily.

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Another Belgravia property decorated recently by Ms Langton is at 118 Eaton Square, formerly the Ski Club of Great Britain. There you will find Louis Vuitton suitcases in the dressing rooms and even a pair of riding boors.

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After all, if you were paying more than £17 million for a 75-year lease, you probably would expect to have handmade curtain tichacks.

Inside a designer's home

Katherine Bergen discovers how a tribal flavour can change your living room

nterior design gurus say that one of the questions most frequently put to them is: "What does your own house look like?" In a new interiors book, published this month (House Sensution, Quadrille, £19.99). Anne McKevitt bravely uses her home to illustrate how you can transform an interior.

Ms McKevitt has gone native. She explains the inspiration for the tribal look: "I was influenced by a book of tribal portrait photography which strengthened my belief in the centuries-old need to humans for self-adornment and decoration.

"The images and influences io my living room are of a more primitive way of life, but adapted to enhance a sense of calm living in a 21st-century room. In other words, my aim was to forge a link between our organic roots and the manufactured." Ms Mckevitt warns against being dictated to by existing architec-

HOME UNPROVEMENT

ture. Her living room had once been four separate rooms — it takes visioo to imagine bow the space would alter after knocking walls through. She colour-blocked the walls, picking up on the charcoal and red. vegetable dye-painted faces of the tribal portraits. Buff willow screens, providing a change in wall texture, are reminiscent of African huts.

Veering away from Africa, the free-standing sculptures in her home remind her of the rocky outcrops and coastlines of her native Scotland. For more shape and texture, on a smaller scale, she has included east-concrete pots and lava-stone urns. To complement it all, she has used classic furniture in graphic shapes, opholstered in fabrics in a mixture of neutral shades and brighter colours.

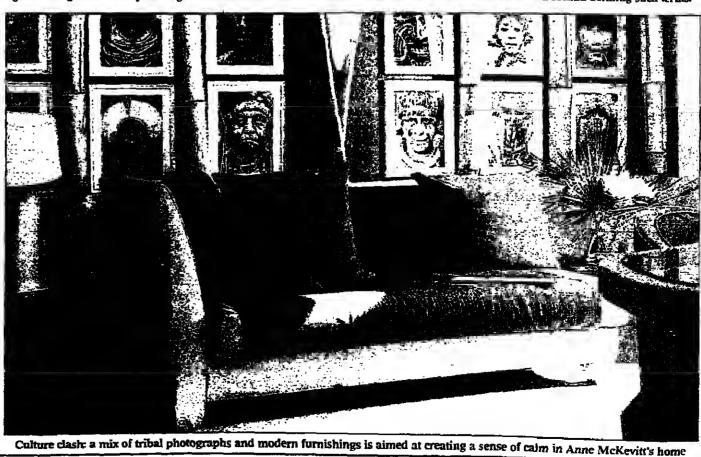
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Ms McKevitt's book is not confined to her

own property. There is a useful chapter oo decorating rented space. As she points out, there are many restrictions on what yoo are allowed to do. Wall colours must remain the same, existing furniture cannot be tampered with and solid partitions cannot be built.

She advises a quick coat of paint — eveo one specified by the landlord — which can brighten up a tired, fading room. Remove any bad-taste objects and store in a cupboard, cover stain-covered sofas and arnchairs with inexpensive throws or bed spreads. Ask the landlord if he would like the floorboards exposed and varnished instead of covered with a tatty carpet.

There's no point spending money on things you will have to leave behind so invest in removable fabrie runners and wall hangings to chaoge the space and mask unsightly objects. In case you are baffled by builders' jargon, she also has a section defining such terms.



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Luxury homes in the sun command high rentals when not in use by the family, writes Diana Wildman

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SPAIN & PORTUGAL

ortugal and Spain have long attracted northern European property purchases keen to acquire a holiday home in the southern sunshine. But simply buying a villa or apartment is not enough for today's buyers.

Lessure facilities such as golf and tennis: beach club and marina, not to men-tion a swimming pool, are a major con-sideration and the chance of substantial rental income is, for some prospective Iberian homeowners, an increasingly important factor. The continuing weakness of the peseta

currenlly at about 227 to the pound is encouraging investors from northern Europe to buy into purpose-built Spanish schemes. Although we all love the idea of a rural finca deep in the Sierras. in reality buying into a well-managed resort with ongoing rental income is a far more practical option for most of us.

The 4,000-acre Sotogrande Estate at the western end of the Costa del Sol is well renowned for its sporting facilities. These include three championship golf courses - one of which is Valderama, venue for last year's Ryder Cup - lennis and racquet centres, two polo fields, two beach clubs and a marina.

Sotogrande SA indiffication of property, including two-bedroom marina apartments and townhouses from £90,000 to £220,000, detached villas from £300,000 and three-bedroom villa suites, being sold on a sale and leaseback agreement, ajoining the Almenara Hotel planned for completion within a year, for £170,000.

Nigel Smith, the managing director, plans to change Sologrande into a selfcontained leisure community and the company has its own year-round rental and management service.

Estate agent Denise White of White Real Estate, based within Sotogrande, advises clients that families paying El,500 a week for a three-bedroom detached house with a pool in July and £2,000 per week in August demand a well-presented home with good furnishings, a modern kitchen with all applianc-

es and a telephone/fax machine.

A two-bedroom beachside apartment is from £800 per week in August. Malaga airport is a lhr 20min drive and Gibraltar a mere 15 minutes.

La Manga on the Costa Calida is a sporting complex par excellence and consists of numbers of purpose-built villages scattered among its 1,100 acres. Here Select Resorts have a variety of resale homes from £32,000 for a two-bedroom apartment in Bellaluze Village.

Next January La Manga's latest village, Los Olivos, being developed by Resort Properties, will start construction and will consist of 102 spacious two and three-bedroom apartments grouped around a central swimming pool within walking distance of the vast tennis and racquet centre. Prices are from £126,500



The 420-acre Parque da Floresta estate at the western end of the Algarve is close to fishing villages and beaches. Prices range from £115,000 to £225,000

Make profit at your leisure

plan sales with stage payments during construction. Select Resorts says that rents will be from about £850 per week in nigh season.

Facilities at La Manga include three golf courses, riding stables, water sports. a five-star hotel and a wide selection of boutiques, bars and restaurants.

A number of purpose-built residential schemes are being constructed in the rolling countryside near Lisbon, close to the historic towns of Sintra and Estoril. The newly completed motorway system now means the 1.200-acre Belas Clube de Campo, a golf and tennis development, is a mere 15 minutes from Lisbon airport and a ten-minute drive from both Sintra and the Atlantic beaches.

Around the completed 18-hole championship golf course at Belas some 240 spacious apartments are being built - all with balconies and facing south over two communal swimming pools towards the golf course. They range from one and two-bedroom properties at asking prices

and reservations are being taken for off- of £100,000 and £165,000 to a seven-bedroom duplex penthouse complete with a private pool for £380,000. About 200 have already been sold.

For those keen on a detached fairway villa, half-acre plots cost £170,000 and Alex Botelho, Belos's sales director, says: "A package of plot and five-bedroom villa with swimming pool and double garage will cost around £400,000 with an 18-month completion date. Most buyers so far are Portuguese and we have two types of purchasers.

hese are the retired, requiring a peaceful existence, and the fortysomethings with children, who need a good leisure home. We have a mini-market with laundry, tennis courts, a maintenance service and special green fees for owners and guests."

The 420-acre Parque da Floresta estate at the western end of the Algarve is close to fishing villages and sheltered sandy

It boasts a leisure centre with swim-

ming pool complex, gymnasium, four tennis courts and a bowling green. There is an 18-hole golf course and a selection of bars and restaurants. Already 180 vil-las and golf homes have been completed and a further 95 will be available. Some two and three-bedroom homes are for sale now, priced from £115,000 and Andy Burridge, Parque da Floresta's

marketing manager, says; "We guarantee a rental return to purchasers of £5,500 pa on a two-bedroom golf village house and £6,500 pa on a three-bedroom villa. We will also pay the running costs of the property for a year but purchasers are liable for their own taxes. "In addition to the financial return

owners are entitled to eight weeks' use of their property in a year, two weeks in high season and six weeks off-peak." The 2,000-acre Quinta do Lago estate is extremely popular, not least because it boasts three golf courses and is a mere

20 minutes from Faro Airport. Set on 35

acres of a wooded hillside is its latest

scheme called Encosta do Lago which has established landscaping, a stylish clubhouse, tennis courts, pool and access to the golf courses on which owners and rental guests are entitled to a 25 per cent green fee discount. Select Resorts are selling a selection of

two and three-bedroom apartments priced from £153,000 to £225,000 plus a selection of villa plots at Encosta do Lago which will be completed towards the end of next year. A 25 per cent deposit is required on contract with stage payments through to completion.

Pauline Bonanni of Select Resorts

says: "Rental income will be some £1,000 for a two-bed apartment and £1,200 for three-bedrooms during high season. The homes have broad terraces with views towards the wind-surfing lake and sea."

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How you can clean up in Spain

AS I supervised the emptying of the septic tank for the second time in two weeks I pondered on the advantages of owning property in Spain. A studge-gulping tanker backed up to the manhole and the operative explained to me that the tank was divided into two sections "solido y liquido". That was enough for me to know. I felt that I was doing my duty as the presidente of the communidad that runs the

apartment block in Javea, Alicante. lo Spain, there is such a thing as "horizontal freehold". This enables you to own an apartment freehold. It also means that there is no freeholder to attend to the majotenance. So each apartment freeholder belongs to the community association that bandles the dayto-day administration of the whole property.

The commonidad elects a president as legal executor of doties to do with the whole of the property. Usually there isn't much to do as we have handed over the administration to a property agency. But the smell of the sludge iper brought home the responsibilities and duties to be discharged by El Presidente.

Everybody else was at the beach. I was supervising the discharge of the cesspit. Next. I had to go to the office of the Notario (a Spanish commissioner for oaths) to sign power of attorney to an agency representative. One of the apartment owners had not paid his com-munidad rates for three years, the power of attorney would enable the agency to chase him through the Spanish legal system. Earlier in the year the weather had taken a

tarner m the year the weather had taken a turn for the worse on the Costa Blanca. The roof had needed repairs before this, but the rain brought the point bome. I had to direct repair operations by remote control from England. These are typical of the problems faced by owners of foreign property and the least likely to be considered by a prospective buyer. These are my tips:

 Never buy or pot a deposit oo a property that is not finished. The Costas are littered with barely started developments, begun only in order to con deposits, or even the full price, out of buyers before the company goes bust.

 Never hand over money to anybody without going through an abogado (solicitor). British expatriates have a babit of taking "key money": that is, you give them the asking price and they give you the keys. You can live in a place for years on that basis. Problem is, one day a strange man waving the escritura (deed) will demand that you leave his property and the police will make yon.

• Conveying the deal through the abogado will ensure that the escritura will be recorded in your name at the Land Registry in Madrid. It is a slow process, but vital. If you do oot oncover any uodeclared charges attached to a property before you buy, yoo will be liable to pay them when they finally come due.

Apart from all that, buying a place in Spain was one of the best things I have ever done.

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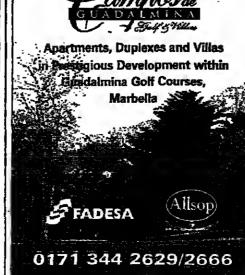
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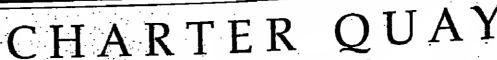
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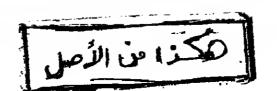
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THE TIMES WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER II 1998 Putting their trust in Blackheath

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How has one inner London village retained its charm and elegance while others have been destroyed by distasteful development? Stephen Brennan reports

ater this month the Black-heath Preservation Society will offer a new form of protection to the architectural treasures of the hilliop east London village that bears its name. A new conservation order? Not at all: the village centre will get a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system to guard against vandalism and

Due to be launched on November 21, it should bring peace of mind to the shopkeepers who have witnessed a rise in theft since crimi-

en out of bigger local shopping precincts by improved security

Trusi shortfall in the CCTV's funding as a gesture to mark its diamond iubilee celebrations. began month. This new-found involvement with security, however, somewhat at

odds with its natural instinct to take risks. With every project we do. the chairman says 'this one will make us bank-rupt," says Neil Rhind, the Trust

Few urban village so close to the centre of town can match the ele-gance of Blackheath; but its preservation has been no accident. Sixty years of risk-taking by conserva-conists have paid off.

Blackheath became developed as one of the first stockbroker belts for the City of London at the turn of the 19th century. There was no railway then, so businessmen would take a coach to Greenwich and then a barge to the City.

From the heath, which adjoins Greenwich Park, there are spectacular views across London. These, plus the village's old world character - with names such as Tranquil Vale. The Paragon and Vanbrugh Castle - have tempted celebrities such as Glenda Jackson, Danny Baker, Ken Morley (of Coronation

that they will go home.

Mr Kingsley says: "When Thomas first boarded, we bought a cot-

tage near Salisbury, but this

proved impractical because it was a

two-hour return journey to the school and too small for entertain-

ing. So we sold it and rented while

searching for our precise require-

ments. The plan is to keep the Mill

House for at least the next five

years until Patrick leaves Horris Hill; but everything is flexible these

days. Thomas is going to Eton next

year but can easily get to Newbury

by train from Slough - just a

don on Friday evenings and the boys simply love being in their new

home 20 minutes after I pick them up. Spending up to four hours each

weekend ferrying the boys back

and forth before returning to Lon-

don - as we used to - is not fun.

We bought a large house and we

plan to spend a lot of the school holi-

The Kingsleys bought their home

through David Milligan of Knight

Franks Hungerford office for more

than £700,000. Mr Milligan says:

"Concepts have changed over the

past ten years and parents are ex-

pected to participate in a child's

boarding-school education. Several

parents were considering buying a

country home, anyway, so it makes

sense for them to buy as close to

number of parents who own either

a town house within walking dis-

tance or a cottage in the surround-

ing Wiltshire countryside. A classic

example is Primrose Cottage, a pret-

ty four-bedroom village hnuse com-

plete with heated swimming pool

"Marlborough College has a

their child's school as possible.

days plus half-terms there."

"Jennifer and I drive from Lon-

30-minute journey.

school.

PRESERVATION

Street fame) and Tina Earnshaw Oscar nominated for her make-up work in the film Titanic) to make it their home.

For the property buyer, Black-heath does not come cheap. A firsttime buyer requiring a small, modcrn two-bedroom terrace house would have to part with upwards of £150,000, decent flats average £250,000, and recently a five-bed-room Georgian family house

changed hands at £t.4 million. Many purchasers, however, might think the money well spent

to live in a village where even the

almshouse chapel was designed by Christopher Wren. Or was it?

ing from 1683, is the Trust's latest

project. Originally it was an alm-

shouse chapel built for Christopher Boone, a cirizen of the City of Lon-

don, allegedly to the design of

of the Merchant Taylors Company.

were good friends and historical de-

tectives have concluded the chapel

is almost certainly the work of

Wren, though no one can be posi-

ove. It has been empty and not used for worship since the Forties.

Wren and Boone, both members

he rescue of Boone's Chap-

el in Lee High Road, a Grade I listed building at-tributed to Wren and dat-

It is the only Grade I listed build-ing in Lewisham and until 1998 was on the English Heritage build-

ings-at-risk register.
The Trust is seeking aid from English Heritage and the National Heritage Memorial Fund. The Blackheath Historic Buildings Trust, a new charity, is being set up so that conditions of grant aid can be met. However, restoration work will be supervised by the Blackheath Preservation Trust.

The Trust was founded in 1939 by Alan Roger Martin and William Davidge. A pio-STEPHEN BRENMAN neering organi-

sation, it had goals: "to adapt existing buildings to modern uses and to conpresent amenities in Blackheath: and to protect from diapidation, disfigurement or destruction any building place, in or near Blackheath. which is of beauty or historical

niques that the Trust pioneered Boone's Chapel in Lee High Road was probably designed by Wren in the Thirties were then con-

interest."

sidered novel, but have since inspired many similar organisations. The Trust sprang from the Blackheath Society, founded in 1937 by distinguished woodcarver Douglas Percy Bliss. He was alarmed at the "unenlightened public and rapacious private enterprise" which was threatening to overtake the district. By then, the best parts of Lewi-

sham and Lee Green had already been destroyed by speculative development. The society and its creation, the Trust, were determined that Blackheath Village, then still less than a century old, would not be vandalised. Martin and Davidge drummed

up a fighting fund of £3,000 and set about saving the area using an untried tactic buy up, secure, do up and sell on. In this way, the Trust gathered

Parents with children at boarding school need nearby homes, says Diana Wildman

cant landlord in its area. It has been largely through its efforts that Blackheath has kept its identity. while other areas have not.

BROOKLANDS HOUSE was built by George

ince its foundation, the Trust has rescued and restored many buildings with no public money. Most of them are now listed by the Department of National Heritage. The Trust owns five acres of woodland between Maze Hill and Vanbrugh Hill in Greenwich,

Smith in 1826 when be was surveyor to the by the Blackheath Preservation Trust in 1983 -Cator family, the local landlords after whom just in time, because it had been allowed to deteriorate from the Thirties to the Seventies. the estate is named. Now its turret apartment is for sale at £199,950. Brooklands, used as a Now the building has been restored and the family bouse until 1918, passed into social club truncated grounds landscaped. The two-bedroom apartment features a luxury bathroom

grounds in the Thirties. The house was bought

The second bedroom, with balcony, is in the turret and a trap and retractable ladder leads to the second room in the torret. Original features include wooden blinds built in to the casements of the living room windows.

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and kitchen and is located on the first floor.

use and tennis courts were built in its large which it keeps as a wildlife sanctu-

> lts best-known properties include Vanbrugh Castle (Grade I, 1719), Blackheath Concert Halls (Grade II, 1895), Blackheath Railway Station (Grade 11, 1848), The Cedars, Westcombe Park Road (1865), 3-9 Tranquil Vale (Grade II, 1845) and Poplar Cottage, Charlton Road (Grade II, part late-15th, part late-17th century weather-boarded

scheme was the Blackheath Art Club (1885) at 47 Bennett Park. The building once housed the GPO film studios (where Nightmail was made in 1936, and Target For To-

night in 1942). The Trusts repaired the building and converted it into II one and two-bedroom apartments, which

were sold on long leases. As part of the jubilee, Mr Rhind says: "We sponsored a seminar on

historic building management with

ers including some senior people from English Heritage and held a reception at Blackheath Concert

He describes the Blackheath Con-cert Halls as "probably our finest hour — but I think every project we get involved in is the most exciting. and then when it's done we're on to the next one, another challenge."

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and double garage in Shalbourne, country home in a delightful locaa conservation area nine miles from Marlborough. The asking price is £365,000. For parents wanting to let during summer holidays, Primrose Cottage could fetch £500 a week." Charles Yeoman of Strutt & Park-

er's Harrogate office deals with inquiries from parents with children at Ampleforth in North Yorkshire, Sedbergh, Will Carling's alma mater in Cumbria, and prep schools, including Bramcote in Scarborough. Though school fees are the same as in southern England, a two-bedroom cottage can be bought at a fraction of the price. Mr Yeoman says: "A small terrace cottage near Sedbergh on the edge of the Lake District can cost £75,000 and could be let for between £200 and £300 in the prime haliday season. The same size cottage in Ampleforth would cost more than £100,000 and the summer rental

would be the same." With so many good boarding schools in and around Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire, the Coiswolds attracts families seeking a oon, yet close to schools.

Derek Lewis, a partner with the

City law firm Theodore Goddard. and his wife Bridget, who live in Richmond, Surrey, have recently sold their four-bedroom house in the Cotswold village of Weston Subedge and have bought a two-bedroom period cottage in nearby Lav-erton, paying £185,000 through Hayman Joyce, a local agent.

Their daughter. Sarah-Jane, was at St Mary's, Wantage, and their sons, Christopher and James, attended Radley College near Oxford. As James comes to the end of his schooling and the two elder children no longer weekend regularly with their parents, the family's needs have changed. Mrs Lewis says: "We inherited

the house, a 45-minute drive from Oxford, six years ago, which made it much easier to bring the children out at weekends. We had been considering buying for a long time before that. We now love the area so much that we have decided to keep a country base here long-term.

"We found that we were at one school or the other every weekend to watch the boys in matches, meet the teachers or just to take the children out to tea on non-exeat weekends. Having a country base close to the schools transformed our weekends."

Cheltenham has several worldrenowned public schools, including the Ladies College. Earlier this decade, its then headmistress marketed her school in the Far East and attracted a lot of pupils from Hong Kong.

According to Lynn Simmonds of Hamptons, many parents have bought a town centre apartment as a UK base, which they use for several months of the year.

They buy to lock up and leave so they look for good security and parking," she says. "Proving popular are the new mock-Regency apartment blocks built by Beaufort. A typical two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment costs about E220.000.

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Bath fears it could drown in own waters

B eneath the elegant, unruffled Georgian foundations of Bath, something is stirring. Millennium plans to restore the remains of five sacred Roman spas are causing concern that the extra visitors they will endoe to the city centre will spell extra congestion.

The re-opened spas will not just be museum pieces. Visitors will pay up to £14 for two hours of refreshing therapy in the calm of the sensitively rebuilt pools and treatment rooms. These new Elysian Fields will be clad in designs by the ac-claimed architect Nicholas Grimshaw. But with Bath already flooded by tourists will the £20 million Bath Spa Project, bringing an estimated 600 more visitors every day, really benefit residents?

Malvin Tyler, who owns a computer hardware company and lives in a house in The Circus after moving from London, is used to large numbers of visitors peering through his ground-floor windows

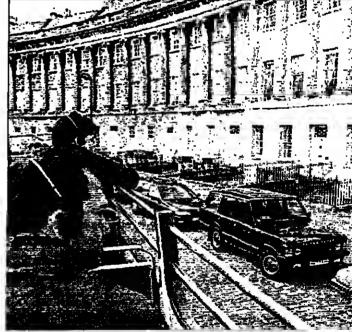
as they pass by.
"We wave back at them, there's no problem. But I'd like to see tourist coaches switching to natural gas; some of them are 30 years old and belch out black gas in your face, which isn't too good for us or the drivers. To switch would be a reasonable compromise." Comments such as these temper

his overall support for the project, which is expected to start in earnest in spring next year, with Dutch spa operator Thermae working closely with Bath council to make the venture a success. John Croft, who lives in Circus

Mews, regrets that some of the members of the Circus Residents' Association, many of whom are retired, have a negative response to the spa project.

This may change when it gets underway," he says. On environmental grounds the association, of which he is chairman, finds the extra numbers of tourist coaches it will bring into the city objectionable. There needs to be more priority for pedestrians," he says. "We're rather overrun by these lumbering buses, this is a hilly city and it's not easy for disabled people. It's got to be better organised."

Comments such as these on a range of initiatives spurred Bath residents to form a federation of resident associadons ten years ago. William Bloomfield, its chairman, leads no fewer than 18 groups with a catchment of about 20,000 people. While very supportive of the project's goals he longs for the day when there will be an integrated public transport system, and ur-



Traffic congestion in Bath from tour buses is already acute

FOLTOLION ...

gently wants to see all cars out of ne city's premier shopping zone. Milsom Street.

The pollution in the city is acute," he says. "The pavements overflow at busy times. Bath council is always crying wolf about its finances yet it owns the city centre and is always commissioning reports from outsiders. I am not annicouncil but some of the decisions come from the wrong people."

Mr Bloomfield is confident new transport links within the city will be in place when the spa project is ready, but is frustrated by the time it takes to get replies to letters written to the council. "Bath needs this project. Why can't all the councillors be behind it?"

John Cowley, senior partner at estate agent Crisp Cowley in Stall Street, says he is not a city centre resident. "And I would not want to be," he says. "The number of tourist coaches - about 28 - going through the city all the time is excessive - six would be quite enough. On the other hand, I know people who like living in the centre. As for the impact on property prices. I don't think more congestion will lead to an adverse effect."

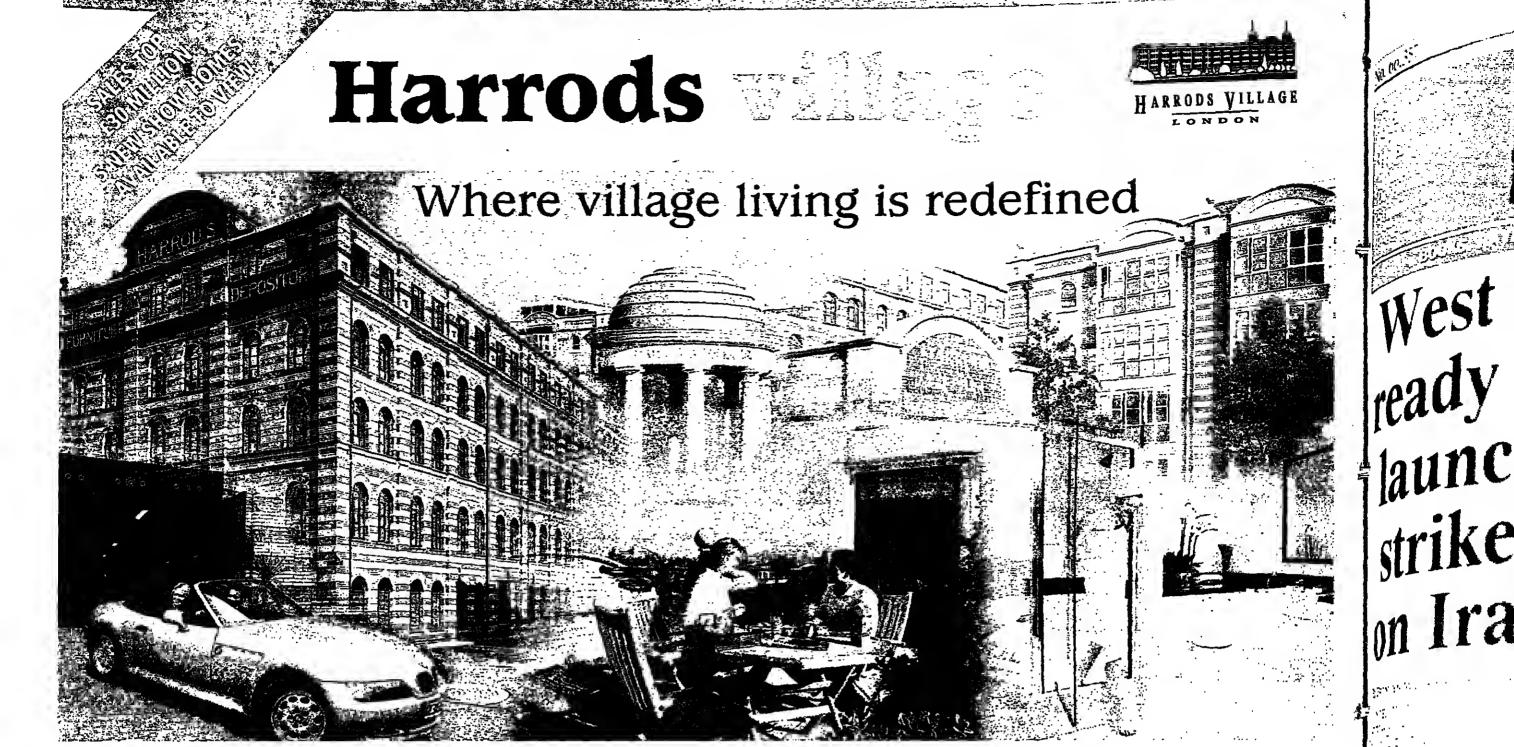
Less convinced is Simon Waterfield, a commercial property agent. "More traffic will be a disadvantage to Bath. I've noticed how things have got worse in the last six years. All this won't help the residential market, or any other business which isn't connected to the

tourist trade." Like Mr Bloomfield, Mr Waterfield believes the plans deserve rec-ognioon. But he doubts whether local people will make much use of the pools and treatment rooms priced at the lower end of the scale. The new buildings will be interesting to people who like Roman remains and who come for the day,"

Bath council estimates the project will inject another £5m every year into the local economy. In her essay Holy Water, the writer Joan Didion wrote that pools are "a symbol not of affluence but of control over the uncontrollable". Like the Romans before, Bath's city fathers are seeking to exploit their resources in a controllable, orderly fashion, harnessing teams of experts to give them an edge in tour-

ism's competitive arena. But the environmental price of this may be high, and unpleasant for those residing within this humid bowl of the Cotswolds. There are already worrying signs of wear and tear to parts of the historic city - even to its most famous architec-

tural landmark. The fine stone and wrought-iron fences of the Royal Crescent need repairing. It is possible that increasing numbers of visitors will take the glow off living in such a beauti-



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